



VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM – Open to Grades 9 - 12.

We will be offering the full Musical Theatre Program in the 2024/2025 school year. Student Info Meeting THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024 in the DRAMA ROOM (1220)

The Musical Theatre Program at NWSS has seen great success over the last 16 years with productions of *Shrek* (2023), *Beauty and the Beast* (2020), *Crazy for You* (2018), *Legally Blonde* (2017), *Footloose* (2015), *Grease* (2011), *Bye Bye Birdie* (2009) and *Annie* (2008). Each production played to sold out audiences and received accolades from many members of the community commenting on the high caliber of talent and polish. The Musical Theatre Program provides students opportunities to engage in this style of performance while receiving course credits for their efforts. We will be producing a full musical production at Massey Theatre in 2024/2025 with rehearsals from September 2024 to February 2025, and performances in February/March 2025.

Students interested in participating in the Musical Theatre Program will fill out a regular program course sheet, clearly indicating their interest in the AUDITIONED Musical Theatre Program. Students should also pick alternates (like Musical Theatre Foundations or another desired course) if they do not receive an acceptance. Students need to specify under notes that they are auditioning or interviewing for the full program. They also need to sign-up for an audition, prepare audition materials and attend their scheduled audition. Audition information can be found on the school website at www.nwss.ca. If selected to participate in this program, students will be hand-scheduled into the program. If not selected, students will be placed in their secondary choice of elective.

The musical theatre program has five streams, all of which work together to produce a musical production

1. Cast : S1 On Timetable block + Full Year Z block
2. Crew : S1 On Timetable block + Full Year Z block
4. Crew: Hair and Makeup FY Z Blk
5. Orchestra: FY Z Block

1. Cast Stream:

For students interested in singing, acting and dancing onstage as part of the show. Students do not have to be strong in all three disciplines to audition, but rather must have interest and enthusiasm for musical theatre. After the audition, selected students will be placed in two classes:

Theatre Company (Musical Theatre) is scheduled on the timetable, semester one, as an elective course. *Musical Theatre* is an after-school Z block twice a week, plus additional time on weekends close to the performance date. **Courses: Theatre Company (Musical Theatre) and Musical Theatre**

Cast Audition dates are:

Thursday, February 29th 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday, March 1st 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Saturday, March 2nd 9:00am to 12:00pm

Saturday March 2nd 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday March 2nd 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Auditions will be held in the NWSS Drama Room and NWSS Theatre (rm 1220).

Visit www.nwss.ca for audition details and information. Be sure you are prepared for your audition.

To sign-up for an audition and find audition information, visit the NWSS school website at www.nwss.ca

2. Crew Stream: Leadership

For students interested in learning about the behind-the-scenes aspects of musical theatre while being involved in the creation of a large-scale production. Crew will develop artistic abilities and technical skills, as well as learn about production design, technical theatre and theatre management. Crew responsibilities can include sets (design, creation and movement during show), props, lighting, sound, costumes, hair/makeup, marketing and management. Students receive credit for *Musical Theatre and Theatre Productions*. This stream will require some additional extra-curricular time commitments, particularly leading up to the performances and during tech/performance week. This group will take on leadership roles for production such as head costumer, props master, stage manager, assistant stage manager and more.

Theatre Production is scheduled on the timetable, semester one, as an elective course.

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Courses: Theatre Production and Musical Theatre

Crew interview dates are:

Tuesday, March 5th 2024, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Crew interviews will be held in the drama room at New Westminster Secondary (room 1216). Information on crew application requirements can be found on the NWSS school website at www.nwss.ca

3. Hair and Makeup stream:

Students who are interested in learning more about hair and makeup artistry can consider joining the hair and makeup course. The hair and make-up students not only work toward designing, organizing, and implementing hair and make up for the entire cast, they also learn a multitude of techniques and styles as they work their way through the course. Students interested can contact Ms. Cave at tcave@sd40.bc.ca and sign up for the Hair and Makeup IDS course found in the course selection handbook.

4. Orchestra stream:

Students who play instruments at a high level can consider joining the production as orchestra members. The live orchestra plays for all performances, as well as rehearses independently from the cast. Rehearsals will be outside of school hours, usually one evening a week, with increased involvement and time in the weeks leading up to the show dates. Musicians will be selected based on an audition or by invitation of the band leader. Auditions will take place Spring 2024. Depending on the musical chosen, the band may need woodwind, brass, strings, piano, guitar and percussion/drum set. Students in the band will register for Musical Theatre.

Students interested in the Musical Orchestra should speak to Mr. Clements (sclements@sd40.bc.ca) directly.

Course: *Musical Theatre (Z block)*

RECOMMENDED: Students involved in the Musical Theatre Program must be registered in either music, drama or dance courses concurrently. Students planning to audition should indicate their interest by circling the Musical Theatre program option at the top of the course selection sheet. Students then fill out a regular course selection sheet indicating the courses above as their #1 elective choice/Z block choice.

For more information, including audition info and sign-up, please visit the school website at www.nwss.ca and click on Musical Theatre Program.

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