

April 17, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts Club, We would like to personally welcome you to the 2015 production of *High School Musical Junior!* It is sure to be a spectacular production that will provide a rich and fulfilling experience for everyone involved! Our young actors and actresses are making history, as this is Lloyd Harbor's 43<sup>rd</sup> Show! Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts is a program that has thrived over the years, and with your participation and support, it is sure to flourish for many more years to come.

As many of you already know, being a part of a production is a large time commitment as well as a huge responsibility. Both of which are well worth the effort, as your child will have an experience that is satisfying and rewarding on both an educational and a social level. As a cast member of this show, your child will learn valuable principles such as commitment, perseverance, time-management, self-confidence, and team-work. Also, they will gain experience with performing in front of a large audience with confidence and poise. All of these skills will serve them well now and later and life.

Regarding the aspect of commitment, it is crucial for all of us to be on the same page from the very beginning. Being part of this show is a large commitment for the child and the parent, and we all must work together in order to be successful. Every child is expected to be at rehearsal on the days and times that he/she is called. Rehearsals will take place on weekly basis on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will run from 3:15-5:30. During the two weeks prior to the show, there will be rehearsals Monday-Friday for both of those weeks and the end time will be 6:30. Also, as a heads up, expect there to be a few Saturday rehearsals in late May. We will notify you of such rehearsals well in advance. Please note that not every student is called to every rehearsal. Each schedule will provide a detailed list of who is called on a particular day. Also, there will be no absences allowed for the two weeks prior to the show (June 1-10). Students will be able to access the weekly schedule in several ways. First, the weekly schedule will be on the Friday Notes. In addition, the weekly schedule and any notices to parents will be listed on the Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts website which is accessible on the Lloyd Harbor School Website. The theater arts link is located on the left side of the school's homepage. Should you have any questions regarding the schedule, or any other matter, please contact our parent coordinator Gen Massa at [jmas1@optonline.net](mailto:jmas1@optonline.net).

We have a "three strike" policy in order to hold the cast and crew accountable. The first strike is a warning, the second strike is a phone call home, and the third strike is removal from the show. The attached commitment contract lists the behaviors/conditions that constitute a strike. Please carefully review this with your child. Cast members should bring the signed contract to rehearsal on **Tuesday, April 20, 2015. This contract is your child's ticket to rehearsal.** Please tell your child **not** to give it to his/her teacher, but rather **bring it to rehearsal**. If your child does not have this contract on that day, he/she will be sent home. Also, please note that on the contract there is a section labeled "conflicts". If you are aware of any vacations, or conflicts in which your child cannot be at rehearsal, please list them as this will be quite useful in making the rehearsal schedule.

Finally, this show would not be possible without the help of the parents! We thank you in advance for all of your contributions to the show, and look forward to working with you. We will be having a parent meeting on Thursday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. For more information about the parent committees, please contact Gen Massa. Also, as a reminder, the participation fee of \$50.00, payable to "LHSPTG Lloyd Harbor Theatre Arts Club," helps to defray costs of the production and must be paid following the posting of the cast. Please send the participation fee and your signed permission slip to the main office in an envelope addressed to: "LHSPTG Lloyd Harbor Theatre Arts Club." Include your child's name and teacher.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. (631)367-8800. Also, you can leave a note in our mailbox in the main office. We look forward to a great year, and can't wait to see the magic that happens on the stage on opening night. Break a Leg!

Sincerely,  
Christopher McKee, Director  
Nancy Fastuca, Assistant Director