

Erie HS Musical Audition and Participation Form

Dear Parent and/or Guardian: We are very excited about your child's interest in this year's musical production of *The Addams Family*. We say it every year, but this year promises to be very exciting for everyone involved! This year, in addition to our already high caliber shows will be the rental of professional sets, backdrops, costumes, and props from BDT Stage for our production. Participation in the musical boosts confidence, teaches responsibility, team-work, and builds lasting friendships. It is a unique experience that students carry with them through their high school career and beyond. Another exciting opportunity for our students is the Erie Performing Arts Department's acceptance, for the third year in a row, to compete in the Bobby G Awards. Our production of *The Addams Family* will be competing in a national high school musical theater awards program that is designed to reward outstanding achievement in high school musical theatre. Check out the Denver Center for the Performing Arts for more info on the awards at <http://www.denvercenter.org/education/high-school-musical-theatre-awards> .

This packet includes information about participating in the musical, as well as agreements your students and you will need to make in order for our performance to be successful. Please read through the information carefully and be sure to contact us via email if you have any questions. We are so excited to get to know your student, and for you to see what all of our students are capable of when they work together!

Best,
Benjamin Tyler (Orchestra Director)
Janay Bird & Scott Wright (Co-Directors)

CONFLICTS

Putting together a full scale musical is a huge undertaking for the department as well as to all those involved. It is the student's responsibility to check the rehearsal schedule daily. When an orchestra member, cast member, or tech crew member misses a rehearsal, that individual causes a major change in the learning of the dance, music, and scene for that day. Please know that our students are very involved in all aspects of high school, and that their commitment to overall success and their exposure in many opportunities is very important to their development and learning. With that being said, we know that in the course of the rehearsal process other activities will be taking place in our students' lives and we want to honor their desire and drive to be involved in many aspects at this school. To help with this, please list below ALL conflicts between

January 2017 and March 4, 2017. If EHS is selected to participate in the Bobby G Awards Ceremony there will be rehearsals for participating schools sometime between May 18 and June 4, 2017. Please list any conflicts between these dates. The Bobby G Awards Performance is late May. Check your personal, parental, church, social, work, family, athletic and any other activity calendars that you have. We need to know ahead of time about any conflicts. We will build the rehearsal schedule with these conflicts in mind. We realize that conflicts do come up, that is just how life works. Each participant will have THREE emergency conflict days during the rehearsal process (January 17, 2017 through March 4, 2017 only – NO ABSENCES ALLOWED BETWEEN March 5, 2017 and March 18, 2017). These conflict days are for emergencies only! Any more than THREE absences from the rehearsal process will result in removal from the show, no matter how far along we are. On the lines below please list in detail any and all conflicts you have from January 17 through March 4, Monday through Sunday, as well as any conflicts from May 20 through June 4 in case we are selected for the Bobby G Awards. Please list the event, day and time. Please be accurate and detailed! If you have no conflicts please write NO CONFLICT on the lines below.

I have read the above statement and agree to adhere to its expectations. I have listed all of the conflicts that might interfere with rehearsal of this show.

(Student's signature and date)

(Parent's signature and date)

Our main and sometimes only way of communicating changes in the schedule, updates, fundraising, and other important information is through e-mail. I (both parent and student) agree to check my e-mail account on a daily basis.

(Student's signature and date)

(Parent's signature and date)

Other Information

As with any activity at the school, funding always comes into question. To produce a musical is a great financial undertaking. One way to help this year with some of the cost is to collect a \$75.00 non-refundable Participation Fee. One of the biggest expenses for a musical is the rental of the pit orchestration from the royalty companies. This year the rental cost is in the thousands. In addition to the pit orchestration, the money will go towards the rental of our professional costumes, set pieces, royalties, lighting, sound, and many of the unexpected expenses that always come up. This fee will be collected when you check out your music at the first rehearsal. If you have any questions or concerns on this please don't hesitate to ask. We wish we could provide all these things for the students without collecting a fee from you, but it is impossible to produce a musical without your help. Please send either cash or a check made out to EHS. Students will also need to keep up their grades during the spring semester. Any student with an "F" will not be allowed to participate in rehearsal, and this may result in removal of the show. Students who may not participate due to grades will not be refunded their participation fee. Grades will be checked when eligibility is pulled for athletics each week. Coming to rehearsal prepared is incredibly important. Students who come unprepared (for example without their script, music, or dance clothes/shoes) may be asked to leave resulting in an absence.

Participation Agreement

Before your child auditions, we would like for you and your student to read and initial the following information:

Initial: _____ We have read the "conflict" section of this packet and have checked my child's conflict sheet to ensure that he/she has listed ALL conflicts. This includes every conflict for all of the dates listed.

Initial: _____ We understand my student needs to keep their grades above a "F" in order to participate.

Initial: _____ We understand that my student's work, name, and possibly a photo will be listed in the program and in publicity material that will go out to the public.

Initial: _____ We understand that any excused or unexcused absences from the rehearsal process may result in removal from the production.

Initial: _____ We understand the importance of the \$75.00 Participation Fee and agree to pay when scripts and scores are checked out.

Initial: _____ We understand that my student needs to wear the required costumes, shoes, make-up, and hairstyle in order to participate in the show.

Initial: _____ We understand my student needs to be prepared for each rehearsal. Students who do not come prepared may be asked to leave rehearsal.

Initial: _____ We agree to check our e-mail accounts on a daily basis for any information from Benjamin Tyler, Janay Bird and Scott Wright.

Initial: _____ If selected for the Bobby G Award Performance my student will be available to participate in the needed rehearsals and performances.

Initial: _____ We understand that the use of any recording device, camera, or audio equipment is STRICTLY prohibited during any rehearsal or performance. We understand that any infraction of this rule could result in being removed from the show and could ultimately affect future casting at EHS.

Initial: _____ We will help do everything in my power to make this year's Erie High School musical a FUN, REWARDING, POSITIVE, and GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE for everyone involved.

Initial: _____ If a problem does arise we will contact Benjamin Tyler, Janay Bird or Scott Wright immediately.

I have read, understand, and support all information in this packet and will do everything in my power to continue to support my child and Erie High School's Department of Performing Arts.

(Parent's signature and date)