

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After last year's production of *Annie* was canceled, the TRMMS Drama Club fought to uphold the old adage, "The show must go on" with a virtual musical entitled, *The Show Must Go Online*. Twenty-Two members of the TRMMS Drama Club, and two alumni, worked hard to bring the show to YouTube. We are working hard this school year to continue to uphold that same sentiment and create the best show we can within the confines of Covid-19.

This year, the TRMMS Drama Club is thrilled to announce this year's musical. It has no name, and other than the songs which will be recycled from pre-existing musicals, it doesn't actually exist... yet. Students of this year's drama club will be writing the script for this musical, naming the musical, directing it, designing it, producing it, etc. This musical will exist to highlight the many voices of our students and their amazing stories. Students will work together to write a compilation of monologues and 2-4 person scenes highlighting teenage issues. They will be encouraged to tell their stories, stories they've witnessed, and stories they've imagined that tell an important perspective. They will be encouraged to write honestly, without bounds. Once the monologues and scenes have been written, we will finalize them as a group, cast them, and rehearse them. Dispersed within the musical will be songs performed by drama club students that fit our theme of amplifying teen voices and their struggles. Once all scenes, monologues, and songs are learned, they will be filmed, compiled into a movie, and dispersed for our audience to see safely at home.

**\*\*Rehearsals begin on Monday, October 5th from 2:30 until 4:00. Pick up is promptly at 4:00.\*\***

**Rehearsals are every Monday and Thursday until we are done creating.**

**The show release is TBA so as to remain flexible within the confines of Covid-19.**

**We will at least be rehearsing and producing after school through January 2021.**

We are doing something so out of the box this year because I believe this is the safest way for drama club to go on. It is also something we can continue to work on if we end up going back to full distance learning again.

These are some of the ways we'll be staying safe during drama club:

1. Students will wear masks the entire time, even when rehearsing our songs.
2. Students will remain 6 feet apart at all times.
3. Distance learners can participate through Zoom, but can come in person if they want and have rides!
4. 2-4 person scenes will be staged abiding by social distancing rules.
5. We will rehearse and film outside, when weather allows.
6. Full ensemble songs will be done as virtual choirs so as to avoid closeness while singing.
7. Final product will be available virtually, only. No in-person performances.

I am very much looking forward to the outcome of this performance. I truly believe this could be the most meaningful drama club performance we've created at TRMMS. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. I am best reached by email: [kvinick@crec.org](mailto:kvinick@crec.org).

Thank you so much for your support of your child in the performing arts!

-- Ms. Vinick

**\*\*PERMISSION SLIP IS DUE ON OUR FIRST REHEARSAL, OCTOBER 5TH\*\***

**(If your child is distance learning, please just email me and I'll send you the Zoom code!)**

I am giving my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to join this year's TRMMS Drama Club production. I understand that **pick up is promptly at 4:00** (there is a Hartford-only late bus available, if needed). I understand that students are committing to a full scale production that requires their participation at **rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays** until we are ready to release our musical. Any conflicts (due to sports or other clubs and activities) should be discussed first with Ms. Vinick ahead of time. Most importantly, I am aware of the rules for drama club surrounding Covid-19 and understand that my child must abide by those rules to ensure their continued participation.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_