



LUTHERAN NORTHWEST
THESPIAN TROUPE 4216

Drama

Information

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Drama Department
Thespian Troupe #4216
Lutheran High School Northwest
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Northwest
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Philosophy

Lutheran High School Northwest's Drama Department is open to all students at LHNW. We believe that all students should have a chance to participate in the department either onstage or behind the scenes. Our goal is to encourage students to experience the world of theatre, gaining confidence in their abilities. While it is sometimes necessary to limit the number of actors, we endeavor to put anyone with an interest in performing on the stage, and anyone with an interest in production assistance into a suitable role. An enjoyable performance is the end result, but the journey of working together and creating art is the lasting memory.

The drama director really believes the following to be true:

Theatre is a Science Theatre is History Theatre is Math
Theatre is a Foreign Language Theatre is Physical Education
Theatre is Business Theatre is Technology Theatre is Economics

Theatre is taught in schools:

Not because you are expected to major in theatre,
Not because you are expected to perform all through life,
Not so you can relax,
Not so you can have fun,
But
So you will recognize Beauty
So you will be Sensitive
So you will have more Love,
More Compassion
More Gentleness,
In short,
So you will be closer to God who expressed himself in the infinite Word
and have More Life.

Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living unless you know how to live?
That is why theatre is taught in our schools.

Expectations

When students join the cast or crew of a play, their attendance is necessary for success. We recognize that many students like to participate in other school-related activities and encourage them to talk with their coaches and the directors to work out a schedule allowing them to experience both. It is essential that an actor be at all required rehearsals (no matter the size of his/her part). Please keep in mind that rehearsals during Tech Week may run later into the evening (until 9:00 p.m. or so).

Respect and Christian love for fellow performers, crew members, and directors is always an expectation. The LHNW Drama Department follows the same academic eligibility requirements as athletics.

Actors often use expensive equipment on stage. It is the responsibility of the student to treat it with respect and care. The replacement of any broken or damaged equipment is the responsibility of the student.

Each part requires one or more costumes. While every effort will be made to provide all performers with a costume, it may be necessary for a performer to provide a costume from his/her own wardrobe or purchase clothing to be used as a costume.

Students will need to purchase a personal make up kit. Students must not at any time share make up or applicators. Kits cost \$28. The order form is available from Mr. Kusch. Orders will be taken shortly after each play is cast. Students will need to purchase additional kits or items as make up is used up.

Meals are provided to the students during tech week by parent volunteers. To reimburse parents for the cost of meals, students will be charged approximately \$25 per play. This will give parent volunteers a contribution of \$5 per meal, per student, toward the expense of providing meals for the cast and crew during tech week.

All participants will be asked to "donate" items needed for the concession stand and for cast snacks. This includes things like water, candy, chips, etc. *NOTE: If you see bottled water on sale, please considering buying a case or two to donate. Thank you!*

For each major production a t-shirt will be designed and made available at cost to all those participating in the production. Purchase of the shirts is not mandatory. Occasionally special spirit wear maybe be offered as well.

Cast parties will be held after the Friday or Saturday night performance of each production.

Parent Involvement

We welcome and **NEED** parent involvement. If you are interested, there are many opportunities to help us. We need help with set building and props, costuming, makeup, ticket sales, and concessions for each of our productions. In addition, we need parent volunteers to help with Tech Week dinners. Please let Mr. Kusch know how you would like to help.

Communication

Information about activities and events of LHNW Drama can be found in the following locations:

- **LHNW Crusader Drama Facebook Page:** Basic information and reminders along with photos and the occasional video will appear here.
- **LHNW - Drama - 22-23 TEAM:** Copies of all paperwork like this document, make up order forms, audition materials, patron forms, advertising forms, etc. will be placed in our Team.
- **The Drama CALL BOARD:** This bulletin board is located outside Room 207. Information will be posted on this board. Handouts will often be available on the table beneath the board.
- The Drama pages on the school website, www.lutherannorthwest.com, are found under the Arts, then Performing Arts tabs.
- Sign Up Genius is used to communicate with parents for donating snacks for concessions and food for tech week dinners.

Questions about LHNW Drama and/or Thespian Troupe 4216 can be directed to Drama Director, David Kusch, at dkusch@lhasa.com or 248-852-6677 extension 207 or 734-812-5843.

Drama Staff

David Kusch, Thespian Adviser, Fall Play and Musical Director

Nick Kwapis, Musical Director

Students, Dessert Theatre Directors

Seniors, One-Act Play Directors

Brian Pollatz, Musical Pit Orchestra Director

Teri Barnaby, Musical Rehearsal Pianist



**LUTHERAN
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The International Thespian Society Troupe 4216

The Troupe was first chartered in
1987.



Actors and actresses are called thespians in honor of Thespis, a Greek playwright and performer. Thespian with an uppercase “T” refers to a member of the International Thespian Society, the world’s largest honor society for theatre students. The designation “Thespian” includes student members who excel in technical and production fields as well as performance in their high school theatre. ITS is an honor society for theatre arts students.

LHNW students can earn membership in the International Thespian Society by earning points in theatre activities in performance, technical fields and production fields in a LHNW production. A limited number of points can be earned for work outside of LHNW. A student can join Thespians once they have 10 points. There is a one-time fee (dues) of \$35 to become a member. Students receive a LHNW Letter at 25 Thespian points. Students receive additional recognition as they accumulate points. Students work with the Troupe Scribe to record their points. The Director will notify students when they are eligible to become a member. Students can complete the membership form and pay their dues any time after they reach eligibility. However, students are inducted into Thespians and recognized for other point milestones and awards only at the LHNW Drama Awards Banquet held in June.

Throughout the year, Thespians participate in troupe events locally or chapter events with others from across their state. Local events are planned and run by the officers and members of the Troupe each year, Thespians from all over the state take part in the Michigan Thespian Festival, and Thespians from all over the country take part in the International Thespian Festival.

Members of ITS, called Thespians, receive EdTA’s publication, *Dramatics*, a monthly magazine that features new plays, practical articles on acting, directing, design, production, and profiles of working theatre professionals. In December, *Dramatics* releases a directory of college theatre programs to help the aspiring Thespian make the transition to college. Thespians also receive member pricing on resources and Thespian spirit items.





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August

Sunday, August 21 Back to School Potluck 5:30-7:30 PM
Leidecker home, Macomb

September

Tu/Wed, September 6-7 Fall Play Auditions 3:30 PM
LHNW Rehearsal Room

Wednesday, September 7 Fall Play Parent Meeting Room 207 After MTTN

October

Monday, October 24 Crusader Day - Drama Presentation TBA
LHNW Rehearsal Room

November

M-Th, Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Fall Play Tech Week
LHNW Gym

Friday, November 4 **Fall Play Performances** **7 PM**

Saturday, November 5 **LHNW Gym & Live Stream (eve. only)** **7 PM**

Sunday, November 6 **2 PM**

December

TBD Troupe Christmas Party TBA

January

Monday, January 9 Dessert Theatre Planning 3:30 PM

Wed/Th, January 11-12 One-Act Play Auditions 3:30 PM
LHNW Rehearsal Room

Thursday, January 26 **Dessert Theatre** **6:30 PM**
LHNW Gym

March

M-Th, Feb. 27-March 2

One-Act Plays Tech Week

LHNW Gym

Friday, March 3

One-Act Play Festival

7 PM

Saturday, March 4

LHNW Gym

7 PM

Tu-Wed, March 7-8

Musical Auditions

3:30 PM

LHNW Music & Rehearsal Rooms

Thursday, March 9

Musical Parent Meeting

7 PM

LHNW Learning Lounge

April

Tu-Fri, April 11-14

Drama Storage Construction and

9AM-

Musical Set Building Interim Class

2PM

May

M-Tu, May 8-18

Musical Tech Weeks

LHNW Gym

Wednesday, May 17

Musical Matinee

1 PM

LHNW Gym

Friday, May 19

Musical Performances

7 PM

Saturday, May 20

LHNW Gym & Live Stream (eve. only)

7 PM

Sunday, May 21

2 PM

June

Wednesday, June 14

Drama Awards Banquet

6:30 PM

LHNW Cafeteria

Bold = performances

Set Builds

Set Builds are Saturday workdays (9AM-3PM or 9- 12Noon) to design and construct sets for upcoming productions. Parents and students are expected to participate. This is a tentative list of dates; **exact Set Build dates will be announced at the beginning of each production.**

Fall Play: October 8, 22, and 29

One-Acts: February 11, 18, 25 (Cabaret)

*Spring Musical: April 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13 (Fine Arts Festival)

*If the Interim Class is successful, we may need fewer Set Builds for the Musical. However, some of these Saturdays may be choreography workdays for the musical cast.

Crusader Drama 2022-2023 Season



LUTHERAN NORTHWEST
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The Charles Dicken's classic tale

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Friday and Saturday, November 4-5 at 7 PM

Sunday, November 6 at 2 PM

LHNW Gym or Live Streamed (evenings only)



Dessert Theatre

Performance of children's stories written by
the third-grade students of

St. John Lutheran School, Rochester

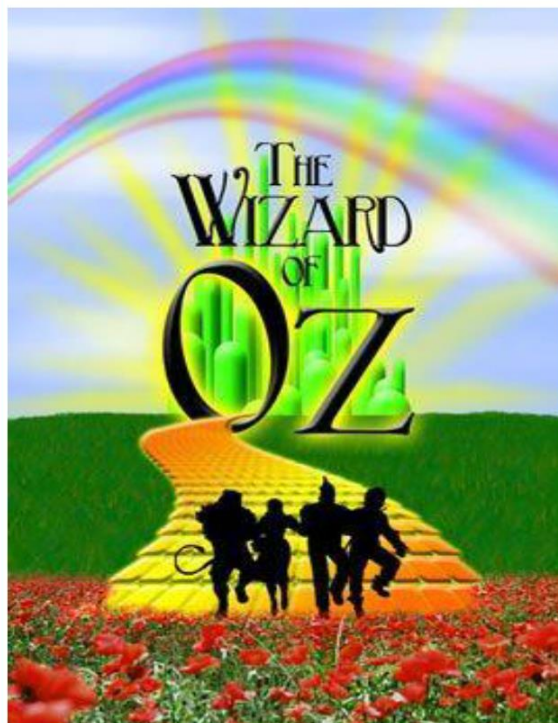
Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 PM

LHNW Gym



Senior-Directed One-Act Play Festival

Friday and Saturday, March 3-4 at 7 PM - LHNW Gym



Spring Musical THE WIZARD OF OZ

by L. Frank Baum, adapted by Frank Gabrielson

With Music and Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score by

Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 at 7 PM

& Sunday, May 21 at 2 PM ~ LHNW

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