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Running through...

At every Saturday rehearsal, we will be putting the pieces together of what we rehearsed. It is called a run through. It is your job to rehearse for five minutes a day and go over your dances, blocking, script etc. Kris has rehearsal CD's available to help you. The show is looking good but it is up to you to make it great. We all need to do our part. Don't forget to bring a pencil and your script to rehearsal every day. After the run-through we go through director's notes to fix what needs work so the next run through will be smoother. We are almost completely finished blocking the show. Our next step will be polishing and working on development. That next step can only happen if actors are off book, not depending on looking at their script and holding their script during

the run through.

February 18th, we will have a big set building day. Please come with tools, brushes, work clothes, saws, screw guns etc. We need your help!!! This is also the day of the rummage sale and we will have food for sale. Bring customers to shop as well.

We forgot to mention congratulations to Damia Davis for winning rehearsal ware at our show announcement. She came to the announcement at Preston's Hope in the Fall and we drew names from a hat and she was called. Thanks to all who came to the show announcement, showing your true excitement for UpStage Players.

We will be selling individualized bricks for \$1.00. Bricks will be posted in the hall to wish cast and crew members luck. Make sure you all get in your brick money. See Mrs. Walsh for details.

Our bake sale will be next week. Buy a sweet for your sweetie. Thanks to Michelle Abate for planning it. Invite others to come and shop this day.

Costume Column

Costume pieces are due next week! Thanks to all of the volunteer seamstresses who helped last week. It was exciting to see so many of you creating a dress shoppe in the kitchen area! We had moms, aunts, grandmas and friends! It is amazing what you can accomplish when we all pitch in!

see Mrs. Walsh today. Don't forget that all actors will need to finish off their finale costume with dark blue denim jeans, no rips or holes; they must be full length, no capris for the finale and remember they must be comfortable to dance in, converse type tennis shoes, any color, and white socks. Please get these in by the final

FYI Clague Playhouse, Inc. Is having a costume sale Saturday, February 11 10 until 2. 1371 Clague Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145, 440-331-0403 www.clagueplayhouse.org We will have a special sale of "Oscar Night" party dresses, summer items, vintage and fur pieces, accessories, hats, decorative pieces and much more. They will happily accept donations to this sale if you want to recycle those items.

Reminders:

- Bake Sale
- T-shirts were due last week.
- Sell your bricks!
- Finale Costume due March 3rd.
- Program book ad due Feb. 18th!
- Set building/Rummage sale February 18th!
- Addam's Family tickets due Feb. 11th!

Costumes Cont.

They will happily accept donations to this sale if you want to recycle those items during Box Office Hours.

Great idea from the Wesson's: if you are having trouble locating a pastel colored jacket, check out the inside lining. Sometimes you may be able to reverse it and use the pastel inside.

If you hear of any deals or places to find costumes, please tell Mrs. Herrmann so we can pass along the information. For questions contact Mrs. Herrmann after 3 at 216.251.9488 or email at herrmannaf@gmail.com



Spirit Committee...Big Success!

Thank you to all who participated in Pajama day! It was a ton of fun. Our next Spirit Day Meeting is March 3rd if you would like to offer ideas. Our Spirit Day Coordinator, Mariah Robertson, will be keeping us up to date on the Spirit Week activities. They have many ideas that sound like a lot of fun. If you want to help with planning see Mariah or Emily Gail, Jade Wesson, Meghan Bretz, Jessica Samson or Isabella DeMarco.

Bios Were Due!

The bio editing process will begin. Make sure you have your bio in so Amy Wesson can begin her role as editor and then Julie Rollins can begin creating the masterpieces. If you haven't written and emailed your bio, please do, today.

Bios should be written in third person and include information such as your age, school, previous theater history, other hobbies and a thank you to mom, friend etc. All bios must be emailed to upstagebios@yahoo.com as soon as possible.



"I love UpStage like my family. To my castmates, do good and follow your goals!" Ally Rollins

Player of the Week Presenting Ms. Ally Rollins!

Congratulations to our first Player of the Week, **Ally Rollins!** Ally is a young lady who has grown up with UpStage. She has done everything from set painting to set striking, sweeping the stage to making a sweeping bow, shuffling scripts to shuffling CD's. Ally has been with us since Bratenahl. I personally remember her as a little clown, watching the show with her best bud Markie in *Singing in the Rain*. She shifted to crew along the way. She loved *West Side Story* so much that she courageously auditioned and now is back on stage. Her crew experience has really changed her perspective as an actor and enhanced it. She is on task, prepared, playing actions and is a leader. Break a leg Ally! You are going to be phenomenal as Action this year. Enjoy the process, we are so happy to have you back on stage!



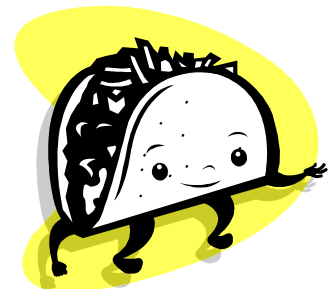
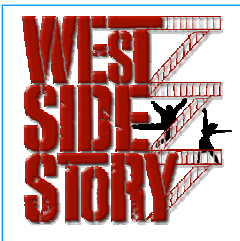
Improvistional Troupe Rescheduled for Feb. 15th!

Our last Improv. Troupe had to be canceled. We have rescheduled for Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30 until 8:15.

Improvistion helps build self confidence, acting skills and quick thinking. You can come alone, bring friends or family. Hope to see many there. Bring a taco topping.

Sign up with Mrs. Walsh-Hilf.

Come to Improv. Troupe for the World's Worst Taco's!!!!



"I'm the World's Worst Taco!"

Builder's Club News

The representative, Nella, from the food bank, has a granddaughter in the show, Becca Lengel. She called us during the week and requested our food be brought in because they were so low on supplies. We of course took them over. We will continue to hold our drive up until President's Day. They are in need of toiletries, gently used clothing, cleaning supplies and food, especially peanut butter. If you have anything to offer up, bring them in today.

Builder's Club Members

Riccolette Parker
Jada Miller-Smith
Anna Davis
Jenna Davis
Mary Walsh-Hilf
Anna Hongosh
Joseph DeNardo
Thomas Sweet
Chanel Johnson



Rummage Sale Trying to clean up and get organized? UpStage is having a rummage sale on February 18th. If you want to sell, we have limited tables available for \$7.00. The sale will go from 9-230. Please invite people to come and shop. We will have hot dogs and pizza on sale this day as well. Questions? Email upstageoffice@aol.com

Adult Night/Bocce

Adults take a night off and join us for music, food, bocce and fun. The Slovenian Home has incredible Bocce Courts downstairs that we are sure you will enjoy. Save the date, Saturday, March 10th from 7-11. The cost is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple. If you are interested in helping with this event, see Carrie Walsh-Hilf.

Set Building

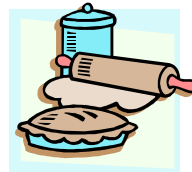
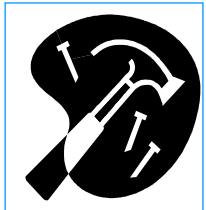
If you are interested in building the set, we will have our first big set building day, February 18th! Bring saws, tools, screw guns. We are in need of screws, if you have them bring them.

Potluck/ Sneak Peek

The potluck flyer went home two weeks ago. Please fill out your RSVP today. Save the date for our annual potluck Dinner on Saturday, February 25 from 11:30-2:30. We will give your families a chance to see where the show is and perform pieces. You will be permitted to take photos this day. We will share food and play music for all to dance to. We will have one 50/50 raffle. We are keeping it simple this year and we are sure it will be a great celebration to build cast spirit, and our UpStage Family! There is limited seating so start asking who is coming. RSVP's will be required this year. Instead of having a talent show, we are having a dance. And for a dance, of course, we need music! All types of music, which is why, Sarah South needs your help. For a homework assignment, or whenever you have time, write down a playlist of ten songs you would like played at the dance. (Please make them UpStage appropriate of course) Don't forget to include your name. Give them to Sarah South so she can start making a playlist so we play what you want to hear. We want the Potluck to be about you guys so let's get writing!

Words of the Week!

This week's word is Cue. A cue the last words of a speech, or the end of an action, indicating the time for another actor to speak or act. An actor should memorize his cues as carefully as he memorizes his lines. This will help with Pacing. Pacing is the rate at which the actors speak their lines, pick up their cues and perform their actions.



Bake Sale UpStage Players will be having a Bake Sale on February 11th. This will be a great Valentine for your sweetie. Please consider signing up to make a baked good. See Michelle Abate for details. Sign up at the front table to tell us what you are bringing. Please bring your family and friends to shop this day!

"Every performer has moments of self doubt. The great ones, however, overcome every obstacle to reach their full artistic potential. It takes talent, to be sure, but it also takes a personality that simply will not settle for second best. That's what makes us respect the effort and admire the results."

Author Unknown



Mission Statement The mission of UpStage Players is the dedication to the child performer, instilling a love of theatre while building leadership and community.

Costume Boxes Please obtain a copy paper box with a lid. Next write your name and role on all four sides. Decorate it as creatively as you like. During spirit week we will award prizes for the best decorated costume boxes. Bring in finished costume boxes as soon as possible.

After Rehearsal Lunches will be discontinued. Snacks will be offered after play rehearsal so you can share some time with friends. See Mrs. Walsh for details.

Euclid Relay For Life The Builder's Club will be volunteering at the Luminary Table at this wonderful event. Please consider making a team, joining a team, attending. Jade Wesson, Mary Walsh-Hilf and Isaac Walsh-Hilf can tell you more about it. The Relay for Life in Euclid is looking for Cancer Survivors for the honorary first lap and dinner which kicks off the event. See Bud Hilf if you are a survivor or know a survivor who would like to participate. The Euclid Relay for Life is June 9th and June 10th.

Rolling out the Red Carpet At the Premiere performance, families are asked to dress their best on this special night. It will be a night of elegance!

Addam's Family Tickets Our date for our play outing has changed. In order to accommodate us at the ticket price we want, our show date is **Tuesday, April 17**. Tickets are \$11.00 a person. All money is due on **February 11th**. Write checks to UpStage Players. Thank you for your understanding, this was beyond our control. Hopefully, many of you can still make this event. Patrick Kennedy, former UpStage Player, is in the traveling show. He was picked up on utube and now is starring in the show. We are hoping to see him appear on that particular night. We wish our alum to break a Leg! Go to YouTube and look up Patrick Kennedy and you can see his audition video.

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Rehearsal Schedule
Questions call Mrs. Walsh-Hilf 216.978.2395

Please see the website for the full rehearsal schedule.

Tues. Feb. 7: 6:30-8:30 Act II Scene III pg. 103-109 Anita, Maria, Tony, Shrank *A Boy Like That*(Blocking, Song)

Thurs. Feb.9: 6:30-8:30 Act II Scene IV: pg. 109-115 A-Rab, Anybodys, Jet Boys (No Riff), Anita, Action, Snow Boy, GeeTar, Doc *Taunting Scene* (Development, Blocking, Choreography)

Sat. Feb.11: 10:00-11:00 Act II Scene V: pg. 115-117 Tony, Doc

Act II Scene VI: pg. 117-120 Tony, Anybodys, Maria, Jet Boys (No Riff), Shark Boys(No Bernardo), Jet Girls, Shark Girls, Chino, Shrank, Krupke, Doc (Development, Blocking) **11:00-2:00 Full Cast. Costume parts due!**
Please bring in so the costume designers may begin alterations. Bake Sale Today. Addam's Family Ticket Money Due.

Tues. Feb.14: 6:30-8:30 Act I Scene 8: 68-72 All Jet Boys, All Jet Girls, All Shark Boys, All Shark Girls, Anita, Maria, Tony *Round* (Polish) Happy **Valentine's Day!**

Thurs. Feb.16: 6:30-8:30 Act I Scene 4: Page 21-30 Glad Hands, All Jets, All Sharks, All Jet Girls, All Shark Girls, Tony, Maria, Bernardo, Anita, Chino, Riff, Cops, Krupke *Maria* (Polish)

Sat. Feb.18: 10:00-11:00 Act I Scene 8: 68-72 All Jet Boys, All Jet Girls, All Shark Boys, All Shark Girls, Anita, Maria, Tony *Round* Act I Scene 9: 73-77 All Jet Boys, All Shark Boys, Bernardo, Chino, Diesel, Riff, Tony, Action, Snow boy, Anybodys *Rumble*(Polish) **11:00-2:00 Full Cast Run Show, Add Curtain Call**

***Program Book Ads due today. Rummage Sale today 9-230! Hot dogs and pizza on sale today. Set Construction today! Bring tools! **Final R.S.V.P's due in today for the Potluck. Extra items due today!**

A-H 1 package paper plates and either 1 box plastic silverware or 1 sleeve of plastic cups

M-Z Each family bring 2-2 liters of regular pop and 1-2liter of diet