

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

July 2019

Dear Rising 4th and 5th Grade Parents,

I can't believe the 2019-2020 school year is just around the corner. In order to help you start planning the beginning of the school year, I want to tell you about an exciting opportunity for our girls - the Lower School play. I am working on arranging the rights for an exciting play experience and will keep you posted on the title as auditions get closer.

The play is open to all 4th and 5th graders who wish to audition. The production will take place on October 3 and 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Rose Theater in the Buckman Performing Arts Center. Auditions for the play will be held after school on Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 27. You will hear more about the auditions in a few weeks.

Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 3. They will be held on weekdays after school until 5:00 p.m. The number of rehearsals a girl has each week will depend on the size of her role.

Being in the play involves a real commitment of time and energy. I will do my best to schedule rehearsals around occasional conflicts. At the auditions, I will ask each girl for a list of her other after school activities and obligations. Please help your daughter be realistic about her obligations. If she cannot commit to the time needed to rehearse the play, she might not need to audition. In addition, girls participating in Lower School cross country cannot be in the play as both activities practice at the same time.

I will need lots of students to help with backstage work. I will post sign-up sheets for various crews. For girls who are not cast or don't have the time or inclination to perform, this is a great way to still be involved, to learn about theater, and to contribute to the success of the production.

If your daughter wants to participate, I will find a way for her to do so! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 537-1479 or you can email at jmadden@stmarysschool.org

I look forward to working with your daughters on this terrific group effort!

Sincerely,

Jenny Madden
Director of Plays