

Auditions: Will be August 17th from 3:45 – 6:30. Students should come prepared to sing ‘Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord’ or ‘Bless the Lord’ from Godspell Jr. Music can be found on my website for practice. They will be taught a piece from a dance for this audition and perform it for judging. Cast list will be posted on the hccmsonline.org website by following the link below. Students should wear clothes and shoes they can dance and move in.

Payment and Performance: IMPORTANT DATES:

*August 17th – Competition Team Auditions

*September 14th – \$350

*October 26th – \$140 second payment due

November 17th – Theatre Festival Showcase, all day @ Northside High School

*December 19th – \$100 Final Payment due

*January 17th – Parent Meeting and Performance of our JTF Competition Piece

* JTF January 18 – 20, Cobb Galleria Atlanta Georgia

****There will be lots of fundraising opportunities to help pay for this, please see below for Chaperone information. All chaperone payments are due on the same day at the student payments. Seating at JTF is first pay best seats. We are not going to delay sending our registration ****

Rehearsal Calendar is available on my website: hccmsonline.org -> connections -> fine arts -> Merrill Cheyne -> Rehearsal Calendar

*******Competition Team FAQ's:**

When are Rehearsals??

Roughly: Fridays, except for our Festival Performance on November 17th at Northside High School, and as we get closer to Christmas and back from Christmas on the week before we go. There is one full day rehearsals students should bring a lunch. Please keep up with the online rehearsal calendar and let me know right away if there are any conflicts. This team is just that a Team, everybody is needed in order to get the job done. Everybody will be involved in every element of our competition pieces. There are no ‘small parts’ in something like this – everybody is necessary. Students need to be at EVERY rehearsal. My rehearsal calendar can be found on my webpage connected to hccmsonline.org

Chaperones and Staff – We have chaperones and staff that are calculated as part of the total fee of your child’s participation. Those individuals will have specific duties and, in essence, be working hard for their fee. They will arrange meals, make meals, organize volunteer chaperones, create contact cards, communicate schedules, arrange luggage transportation and luggage tagging, etc. If you would like responsibility for some of these functions, speak to Ms privately and I will take you into consideration as one of the Staff Chaperones. Other chaperones will be at a cost of \$400 and this price is a commitment to stay in a room with and chaperone kids. We welcome as many of you as would like to come. We will have a great time and see and do amazing things!

When will they depart and when will they return?

For **JTF** We will depart from HCCMS at 6 AM on Friday, we will do a CNN backstage tour that day.

We will return at about midnight on Sunday after seeing a **play**. Students will call to make sure their ride is there about 30 minutes prior to our return.

How much money will my child need for meals JTF weekend?

Students will need to bring money to pay for a fast food type lunch, and a food court dinner on Friday. There will be a Broadway pop up store, and we will have some time at the mall. Sending money for your child to purchase things at the mall or pop up store is strictly optional, but I did want to make sure you had knowledge of their potential shopping opportunities.

What will my child need to pack?

They will need black pants, black long sleeved shirt, black socks and their jazz shoes and their competition sweatshirt and show shirt. They will need a pair of jeans and another long sleeve shirt for Sunday. They will also need, packed in a small portable bag – something to change into for the Theatre. For girls this should be dress slacks and a blouse or sweater, for boys khakis and a polo or button down shirt. What they **cannot** wear to the Theatre: Jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes.

What should they wear the Friday of departure?

Jeans and HCCMS Drama Competition team sweatshirts. They should wear their tennis shoes and socks, but have their jazz shoes in their competition team backpacks.

Does my child have to ride the bus?

Yes, Harris County Board of Education rules state that a child **must** ride the bus to a school function. We will also require students to ride home on the bus unless some kind of agreement is reached beforehand. This agreement must be based on some kind of necessity and be in writing prior to the trip.

What are the procedures for my child while staying in a hotel?

Your child will be checked into their rooms at the designated hour. On Friday that will be 10PM. Once they are checked into their room, Tape will be placed over the door from the door to the sill. Students cannot open the door and then replace the tape from inside. So the doors will not be opened without us knowing. We will do checks throughout the night to make sure the rooms are secure. Students will not be permitted to open the hotel room door until they are checked out of their room in the morning. Students whose tape has been disturbed will face disciplinary action.

Payment

You can pay by check made out to the HCCMS Drama Booster Club, Please do not send cash with your child!

Competition Gear

Students will get a Competition sweat shirt, a show t-shirt and Backpack as part of their fee.

How much will JTF cost??

The total for the trip is \$590. With this money you are paying for: You and/or your child's registration to JTF with an all access wristband, a festival t shirt, a souvenir program, Your child's Registration for the Middle School Festival Nov 17th, two breakfasts, a special direct from Broadway Performance, a portion of the registration of our staff, a t-shirt, a sweatshirt, an HCCMS tote bag, a fancy dinner, entrance to CNN, Two nights of hotel (The hotel rooms will be Quad occupancy, and we will be staying for two nights.), and snacks. Our competition piece will be a 15 minute piece of Godspell Jr.

We communicate using Remind 101. To join: text @hccgodspell to the number 81010

They'll receive a welcome text from Remind.

If anyone has trouble with 81010, they can try texting @hccgodspell to (404) 620-5069.