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Dear Parents/Guardians of Interested Theater Students

My name is Katie Noppinger and I am a fourth & fifth grade teacher here at IHM. I am so excited to share my love of theater with the students and the rest of the community here at IHM. Theater has been a passion of mine since my days as a student at IHM.

You are reading this because your amazing child wants to be a part of IHM's Theater Department, and the Spring Musical. All information regarding the Spring Musical can be found on my teacher website, which can be found at [Faculty & Staff | Immaculate Heart of Mary School \(ihmschoolmd.org\)](http://Faculty & Staff | Immaculate Heart of Mary School (ihmschoolmd.org))

If performing isn't calling your name no worries! You can still be involved with the various tech opportunities that Mrs. Datz will be organizing for the production.

If your child is cast in the show here are a few things to expect throughout the show process.

- Each student will receive an audition form to complete. Please read this form with your child so you are aware of the commitments required. This form must be returned the day of auditions.
- You will be responsible for providing your own costume. (Mrs. Noppinger will send out more information and guidelines later in the process.)
- Each student will sign an expectation/ behavior contract at the first rehearsal.
- For the month of January rehearsals will only occur twice a week. In February and March, rehearsals will occur twice or three times a week. Rehearsals will be generally held on Mondays and/or Wednesdays.
- A Google Classroom will be created for each musical regarding rehearsal updates, practice videos, requests for volunteers etc. Anything shared on this site is private and cannot be posted publicly or on social media due to licensing and copyright.
- Tech week. All cast and crew will be **REQUIRED** to attend rehearsals for the full week Monday-Thursday. Please note that the rehearsal times may be longer on these days.
- Performances will be on a Saturday and Sunday in late March. Cast and crew will be required to arrive an hour and a half before showtime. This allows them time to warm up, get in costume and make-up, and finally get microphones.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [knoppinger@ihmschoolmd.org](mailto:knoppinger@ihmschoolmd.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Noppinger