



Hi All,

We're off to see the Wizard! We are getting an early start on our voyage to OZ! Auditions for the Wizard of Oz are after school on March 23 for grades 6 – 8 (2018-19 school year) and after school on March 26<sup>th</sup> for callbacks and grades 1 – 5 (2018-19 school year). Anyone in the upper grades will be accepted into the show and the auditions will be focusing on casting parts. Younger grades are being invited to auditions, but I may not be able to take everyone (depending on how many want to audition) because of stage size limitations. **For the audition, students in grades 6 – 8 (2018-19 school year) should prepare a verse and a refrain from the Wizard of Oz. Those seeking lead roles should be prepared to sing something other than “Over the Rainbow”. Those in grades 1 – 5 (2018-19 school year) can prepare a verse and refrain of any song they know.** Below is additional information you should consider before emailing the audition request (some things have changed from prior years):

- *Audition permission requests must be completed and emailed no later than March 22<sup>th</sup> - - Information must be completed in full! I will set up audition appointments based on the requests received.*
- *Please email audition permission requests to Carolyn Monaco at [icsplay2018@gmail.com](mailto:icsplay2018@gmail.com) with the “subject” on the email as “Wizard of Oz Auditions”.*
- There will be Saturday rehearsals (and possibly Sunday depending on our progress during October).
- We are asking that parents volunteer for one practice to help monitor students, as well as sign up for an activity to support the production.
- The play will be performed November 9 - 11, 2018 with two evening performances at 7:00 & two matinee performances at 2:00.

- Rehearsals will be Monday 3 – 6 and Friday 3 - 6:30 starting 9/7/18. Some rehearsals may be full cast and some may just be leads/dancers. A more detailed calendar will be sent out with the contract after casting is announced.
- Tech week rehearsals will run well into the evening which could be as late as 9PM. Tech week will be from 11/1 – 11/8. We try to allow students to work on homework during their down time.
- Participation and other fees associated with the play are listed in a separate letter. Instead of asking repeatedly for different items, we combined them into two payments which include most everything (other than Playbill ads, some personal costume items, video and photo orders). An optional memory package (video, photo download and poster) will be available for purchase this year.
- There are only 8 weeks committed to this activity so we ask that no other activities be scheduled until after the play.
- Parts are planned to be announced before Easter break. Scripts will be handed out after we receive signed contracts that the students have accepted the roles they have been assigned and fees are paid.

We look forward to working with your children and wish them best of luck at the audition!

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