

Hello Middleton Theatre!

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I hope you're excited about the season. I think it's going to be great! I'm sending out this first newsletter to remind you that things are getting started early this year. Urinetown auditions and production crew sign-ups are next week (see table below). The audition sides are posted on the website, too. Choose one song to sing for the general auditions. Callbacks are on Thursday, August 31.

If you're planning to participate in theatre or stage crew, you must sign-up for Theatre Club each year and pay the district fee of \$21 (includes a Middleton Theatre season shirt). Here's how to sign-up for the 2023-2024 school year.

- 1) There is a new registration site for MHS activities, <https://mhsa-ar.schooltoday.com/>. The school needs all students to register using this new platform. This will be used to collect emergency information for all students and for families to agree to our code of conduct.
- 2) My Payments Plus will open early for Theatre Club (all participants), Urinetown (cast & crew only), and The 146 Point Flame (cast and crew only).
- 3) Please fill out this [FORM](#) to receive the weekly newsletter. Submit this even if you've already been getting it. New year = new mailing list. Thanks!
- 4) Please fill out this [Parent Volunteer Form](#), if you can contribute your time. Theatre is a very busy activity with five+ events per year, and we rely on parent help to make things run smoothly. Feel free to reach out to Ms. Brunner with any questions.

2023-2024 Auditions



Middleton High School
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August 29, 30, 31

Urinetown, the Musical
Auditions: August 29, 30, Callbacks: August 31
Sign-up and Audition Sides available August 14
Performances: November 6, 8, 11 at 7:30 pm; November 12 at 2:00 pm

September 11, 12, 13

The 146 Point Flame
By Matt Thompson
One Act Competition
Held 2024: October 18
Directed: November 27
Date: November 17 & 18

November 13, 14, 15

Twelfth Night
William Shakespeare
Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare
Directed by Tim Gittings
Performances: February 6, 8, 10

March 1

One Night Only
March 9, 2024

February 21, 22, 23

Clue
Performances: April 25, 26, 27

Fall Auditions and Production Crews

Urinetown

Audition [Sign-up](#)

Production Crew [Sign-up](#)

Participation Fee \$150 (scholarships available)

Due after cast and crews are announced

"146 Point Flame" - Competition One Act

Audition [Sign-up](#)

Production Crew [Sign-up](#)

Participation Fee \$75 (scholarships available)

Due after cast and crews are announced

Fill out this [AUDITION FORM](#) (same for both Fall Shows) before you come to auditions, OR print and bring the form attached to the email with you to auditions.

For an overview of Middleton Theatre the best source is middletontheatre.org, specifically our [Middleton Theatre Handbook](#)

Join us for the GOOD NEIGHBOR FEST PARADE!

We'll be marching for the right to pee for free in Urinetown style...signs and all! If you'd like to help make signs and pick out some impromptu costumes, we'll be meeting in the Green Room (Door 19) on Saturday, August 26 from 4:00-6:00pm. On parade day look for us lined up on Branch St. We're #41 - between Middleton Youth Football and MHS Girls Tennis.

Be there between 11:15-11:45am. The parade starts at noon! ALL Middleton Theatre participants - past, present, and future - are welcome to walk with us!! Hope to see you!!



THE FOOL
ON
THE HILL



This season I chose a song by Paul McCartney, "The Fool on the Hill", to get us thinking about the concept of "fooling and foolishness". Each of our shows have someone or some folks either being fooled or trying to fool others. Take a look at the lyrics, maybe they will spark questions or connections, maybe not. There are many ways to think about it, and there are thousands of quotes about fools and foolishness. For example...

"Better a witty fool, than a foolish wit."
~William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night

"The secret of the successful fool is that he's no fool at all."
~Isaac Asimov