

## **Parental Involvement in West Shore Theatre**

The West Shore Theatre program relies completely upon the contribution and dedication of all of the student participants and their families in order to exist and thrive. The students bring their talent, their commitment and their hard work to the program; the parents of our theatre students are expected to contribute in the following ways:

### **\*Participation Fees**

These fees paid by students to participate in our Theatre Program enable the production and staging of our All-School Musical for our combined Middle School and High School troupes as well as a Winter Play and a Spring Musical for Middle School and High School troupes respectively. Fees cover the cost of script rentals, costuming, sets/staging, and other miscellaneous costs that occur. Because the Theatre Program at West Shore is completely self-funded, these fees are necessary in order to produce our shows.

Participation Fees can be paid in **one of two ways**:

**Per Show**—*The cost for students to participate in a single show is \$50*; show tee shirts (for the musicals) and cast photos are available for an additional fee. If you choose to pay show fees this way, forms will be available at the first rehearsal and on our website ([westshoretheatre.org](http://westshoretheatre.org)) and fees must be paid within one week.

or

**Annual**—*The annual fee cost is \$150*; this will enable your child to participate in the All-School Musical, and their troupe's Winter Play and Spring Musical. Show tee shirts (for the musicals) and cast photos are included in the annual fee. **If you are a returning theatre family and/or you already know your child will be participating in all of the shows this year, this is the best and most economical option.**

### **\*Parent Volunteering**

The staging of a play or musical is completely done through the hard work of our tech crew and our parent volunteers. **We need your help in every possible way**—from costuming and set construction to feeding the cast between Saturday shows and hosting the Middle School District Festival in December (our biggest fundraiser!) and more!

Given this, our theatre families **must commit** to performing **5 volunteer hours for each show in which your child participates** toward making our productions as successful as possible. Volunteer hours worked for theatre will count toward your West Shore Parent Volunteering obligation as well (a two-for-one!) If you prefer, you may fulfill your volunteer obligation for each show with a **\$5 per hour donation (\$25 per show)** in the same manner that you can toward your West Shore Parent Volunteering obligation.

Volunteer Opportunities will be announced regularly throughout the school year, and may always be found by checking the “Volunteers” link on our website: [westshoretheatre.org](http://westshoretheatre.org).













