



Auditions

We will be holding auditions for our Spring Musical, "Once On This Island Jr." the first full week back from Winter Break! All interested students should plan to attend the following days:

Tuesday, January 6 we will be teaching the audition material.

Wednesday, January 7 we will be holding auditions to cast the show.

Thursday, January 8 we will be holding call back auditions, *by invitation only*, to cast the lead roles in the show. **Call backs will be announced Wednesday at the end of auditions.**

All 3 days above will be from 3:15-4:45pm in the Auditorium.

Students will need to be in attendance until 4:45pm each day; please be advised that there will be no bus transportation available for students at 4:45pm on these days.

Rehearsals will run Monday through Thursday, every week, from 3:15-4:45pm in the Auditorium starting **Monday, January 12, 2015** through the performance dates in April. Actual rehearsal schedules will be determined by students' roles, and announced the third week of January.

Please return the permission slip below to allow your child to attend all three days of auditions.

Ms. Perry (jlperry@cps.edu) and Mr. Marsland (wemarsland@cps.edu)

-----[detach and return portion below]-----

I give my child, _____ permission to attend auditions for Annie Jr. on January 6, 7, and 8, 2015.

[] **Check here if student rides the bus. If so, which route number:** _____

Parent signature: _____

Please return permission slip to Mr. Marsland or Ms. Perry no later than Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

Dear students,

This year Ms. Perry and Mr. Marsland are excited to direct *Once on This Island, Jr.* We will hold auditions for the show the first week of January. If you would like to audition, please read this letter closely.

Selection in the musical is based on a number of factors. First of all, you must attend all required days of our auditions. During auditions you will learn selections of songs and be asked to sing those selections by yourself on stage. We know this can be intimidating, but we work very hard to make sure musical theatre is a supportive environment where it's OK to make mistakes. We just want to see you try, with a positive attitude. This is an audition, so not every student who attends will be selected for the show. We are looking for students who are mature, trustworthy, and can sing and speak confidently on stage.

Secondly, your grades and behavior in school will also play a part in our selection of students for the show. Rehearsals for some students may be 4 days a week after school. This is an enormous amount of time. You must be committed and able to attend all rehearsals. So, if you have many after school conflicts or if you need to concentrate on homework, please consider joining another of the many after school programs Stone offers. Remember: your school work and grades should be your priority.

Keep in mind, if you are not selected for the show this year, we ask that you are mature and respectful of our decision. This is a difficult process for everyone involved. We are happy to provide constructive feedback on your audition, but our decisions are final. And, if you are a 5th-7th grader, remember that you can try out again next year. As for crew, students in 6th-8th grade will be considered. Mr. Marsland and Ms. Perry will contact you. **Students interested in crew do not need to attend auditions.**

Finally, even if you are selected for the show, you may not get the role you desire. This is the nature of theatre. All students need to remember to be polite and humble when speaking to fellow students and adults.

We look forward to auditions and hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,

Ms. Perry and Mr. Marsland