

## **Musical Theater I**

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Google Classroom Code: ofni8js

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Learn vocal techniques, musical notation and terminology, rhythms, diction, sight-singing, and musical styles as applicable to musical theater. Emphasis is placed on musicality and musicianship relating to *ensemble performance*. Participation in all rehearsals and performances is required. Learn the history of musicals, exploring a variety of writers, styles, and time periods. All musical theater students are strongly encouraged to participate in the HHS Chorus.

### **CLASS RULES**

#### **1. Be respectful**

- Be respectful towards your fellow students and the teacher
- Be open-minded about the various kinds of music we will be studying and respect the likes and dislikes of others
- Be respectful towards the classroom and the property of others

#### **2. Be prepared**

- Be on time (in your seat by the bell) with your folder, doing the DO NOW
- Participate fully in rehearsals – try your best every day.  
*Let me know before class if you are sick and cannot participate fully on a given day*
- Remain seated until you are dismissed from rehearsal

#### **3. Be responsible**

- practice your music/monologue and research your shows at home
- turn in all assignments on time
- follow all school rules (ex. no cell phones, no food in class, etc.)

*Failure to adhere to classroom and school policies will result in student-teacher discussions, teacher-assigned detentions, parent phone calls and/or conferences, discipline referrals and other appropriate consequences.*

### **MATERIALS**

Bring a folder and a pencil to class. Make sure your name is on the front of the folder. Students may be loaned music, which must be returned in good condition. Students will be fined for damage occurring to loaned music or loss of music.

### **PERFORMANCE ATTIRE for Spring Showcase:**

all black clothes: black pants and black top. Black shoes.  
Costume pieces as needed, to be determined.

### **CLASS PROCEDURES:**

1. Sit in your assigned seat, which may be changed at any time by the teacher.
2. Place your belongings (purse, bag, books for other classes, etc.) on the shelves.

3. Avoid moving around the room during class whenever possible.
4. Always ask permission if you must leave the room. Sign the log and take the key. Only one person may be out at a time. Return as quickly as possible. Abuse of this privilege will result in consequences (call home, etc.)
5. Remain quiet while others are rehearsing and while the director is speaking. Raise your hand and wait to be called on if you have a question.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance in this class is necessary and required to receive credit in the course. Course credit may be withdrawn if a student's total number of absences (excused and unexcused) is excessive; please see the student handbook for school-wide attendance policies. **Attendance at the spring showcase performance is mandatory.**

*\* If you are late to class without a pass, you are required to sign the Tardy Log near the door and report for teacher detention at 2:30 that day. \**

**GRADING** - please check Genesis regularly to see your grades and check for missing assignments.

Quizzes & Tests:	20%
Homework & Classwork:	20%
Performances:	35%
Class Participation:	25%

- Participation in performances (in-class or outside of class) is a major part of the grade for this course. The dates of performances will be announced as far in advance as possible. **The Spring Showcase will be on MAY 14 at 7:00 pm. It is the culminating assessment/performance for this course and participation is REQUIRED.** Students are also required to attend the entire dress rehearsal during the school day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Work release students must arrange to be present until 2:30.

- All musical theater students are **REQUIRED** to attend the Fall Play, *The Crucible* (Oct. 18-19 at HACPAC) AND the Spring Musical, *The Wizard of Oz* (March 26-29, HHS Aud.). Tickets cost approximately \$10-15. *If this presents a financial hardship, please have a parent/caregiver contact me as early in the year as possible as there are a limited number of "scholarship" tickets available.* Attendance at these performances will be part of the marking period grade.

- Students may be quizzed periodically on their ability to sing their vocal parts in music the group has learned.

- Students will have access to a study guide for tests. There will be a mid-term and a final exam, in addition to any unit exams given. Graded classwork and homework may also be assigned.

- Students will sing in ensembles (and possibly solo) regularly during class; these performances will be graded.

- There may be periodic graded "folder checks" to ensure students have all materials and are properly marking their music.

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I have read and understand the musical theater class requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

# Hackensack High School

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Dear Parents of Musical Theater Students,

The musical theater classes start the year by singing songs from the Broadway musical *RENT*. In order for the students to understand the show in its entirety, we will be watching the feature film made in 2005. However, this movie version of the show has many alterations from the stage show. I will also show the 2008 *RENT: Filmed Live on Broadway*. This is a recording of the actual Broadway show. Because this version is NR (Not Rated) and because the musical deals with adult themes (the 2005 film was rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving drugs and sexuality, and for some strong language), students will be required to have parental permission to view the film.

Parents can find out specific information about the mature content in the movie on the IMDB parents' guide website: [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1273675/parentalguide?ref=tt\\_q1\\_7](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1273675/parentalguide?ref=tt_q1_7).

General information about the musical *RENT* is widely available online. The Wikipedia article can be accessed here: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rent\\_\(musical\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rent_(musical)).

Here is some basic information about the musical:

*Rent* is a rock musical with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson loosely based on Puccini's opera *La Bohème*. It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in New York City's East Village in the thriving days of Bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. The musical was first seen Off-Broadway in 1994. The show won a Pulitzer Prize, and the production was a hit. The musical moved to Broadway in 1996 and closed in 2008.

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to watch  
*RENT: Filmed Live on Broadway* in musical theater class.

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Parent signature

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date

## 2019-2020 Music Dept. Calendar (subject to change)

September		HHS Music Apparel fundraiser
Sept. 9, 6 pm Sept. 10, 4 pm		Fall Play: <i>The Crucible</i> auditions & callbacks (must attend both days)
Sept. 17	2:30	First Tri-M meeting
Sept. 18		Chorus polo shirt order forms and money due
Sept 25	evening	HHS Back to School Night
Sept. 26	2:30	Jazz Band begins
Sept. 26	2:30-3:00	Women's Chorus begins
Sept. 27	2:30-3:00	Men's Chorus begins
Oct. ?		MEBCI Band applications due
Oct 18-19	7:00 PM	Fall Play: <i>The Crucible</i> at HAC PAC - \$10 Required for Musical Theater students
Oct. 19	9:00-3:00	Canning fundraising, Rochelle Park ShopRite Vocal Music students & Tri-M members
Oct. 24	after-school	Bergen County Chorus auditions, Paramus HS
Oct. (?)	evening	HHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House
Nov. 2	9:00-3:00	Canning fundraising, RP ShopRite or Maywood Market (TBD)
Nov. 13	2:00 matinee	Music Dept. Broadway Show trip – <i>Ain't Too Proud: The Life &amp; Times of the Temptations</i> - \$50
Nov. 13 & 15	Wed. - 6:30 Fri. - 3:00	Spring Musical auditions & callbacks – <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Nov. 19	2:30	Tri-M Auditions
Nov. 20 & 21		Parent – Teacher Conferences

Dec. 2	5:45-6:30 pm Courthouse Green	Hackensack Holiday Tree Lighting – participation is required for chorus students
Dec. 3		MEBCI Band auditions, Paramus HS
Dec. 7 (?)		Christmas Brass
Dec. 9 Dec. 10	double period	Band Winter Concert Dress Rehearsals (all band students are required to attend)
Dec. 9 & 11	double period, likely per 8-9	Chorus Winter Concert Dress Rehearsals (all chorus students are required to attend; work release students must arrange to be here until 2:30)
Dec. 11	5:45; Rm 235	WINTER CONCERT (7 pm, aud) – REQUIRED for chorus & band students; * wear concert attire
Dec. 12	During school day	Chorus trip to Kessler Rehab & Rotary Clubs (required for chorus students)
Dec. 19	During school day	Adv. chorus students only, caroling at HUMC
Jan. 4		Regions Chorus & Band auditions
Jan. 6-12		Bergen County Band & Chorus rehearsal week, Paramus HS
Jan. 12		Bergen County Band & Chorus Concert, Paramus HS
Jan. 26		Regions Band Concert
Feb. 1		Regions Chorus Concert
March		MIOSM concert
March 18	School day	Music Dept. Trip to NY Philharmonic - \$10
Mar. 26-29		Spring Musical, <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> Required for Musical Theater students
April 29	5:45 pm; Rm 235	CHORUS SPRING CONCERT (7 pm, Aud.) REQUIRED for chorus students; * wear concert attire
April 30		BAND SPRING CONCERT (7 pm Aud.)

May 4-15		AP Exams
May 7		Drama Club Miscast
May 14	During school day	Musical Theater Showcase Dress Rehearsal REQUIRED for musical theater students
May 14	5:45 pm; Auditorium	Musical Theater Showcase (7 pm, aud)- REQUIRED for musical theater students
May 15 (?)		Teen Arts Festival @ BCC
May 21		HHS Senior Prom
May 27		Performing Arts Banquet
May 29		Chorus/Band trip to Six Flags
June 1		Top 20 dinner
June 2		Sports Coffee Hour
June 4		Scholarship Night
June 24	evening	Graduation ceremony – REQUIRED for chorus students

Calendar will be updated as dates are added or changed.



# HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC DEPT. “CANNING” FUNDRAISER



**NEEDED:** Students and Parents/Guardians/Adults 18 and over

**DATE:** Saturday Oct 19, 2019 - “RAIN or SHINE”

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **ShopRite**  
220 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park

**AND**

**DATE:** Saturday, Nov. 2, 2018 - “RAIN or SHINE”

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** **TBD – Rochelle Park ShopRite or Maywood Market**

Students are needed to volunteer to collect donations for the general needs of the HHS Vocal Music Department. Adults are needed as chaperones. Wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately according to weather. **Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the store. Please arrive and get picked up on time!**

Please return the permission slip with parent signature and student's name and cell phone number. Students will sign up for 1-hour blocks of time. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the chorus room approximately 2 weeks before each weekend of canning.

ALL STUDENTS must return a signed permission slip to participate.

Extra credit and Tri-M points will be given for participation.

Parents who can help out, please email Mrs. Platte at [jplatte@hackensackschools.org](mailto:jplatte@hackensackschools.org).

Thank you for your support!

# Hackensack High School

## Field Trip Student Permission Form

On occasion, students participate in field trips that are supportive of classroom instruction. These trips are not compulsory. The student must make a responsible decision about participating on this trip by having teachers sign the form before obtaining parent/guardian approval. Students may participate only if they receive positive responses from all their teachers. The teacher responsible for the field trip makes the final decision about which students may or may not participate.

### Field Trip Description

Student \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_

Place: ShopRite of Rochelle Park  
Maywood Marketplace

Date: 10/19/19 and 11/2/19 Leave/Return: 9:00 - 3:00 Cost (estimated): 0

Reason: Canning Fundraiser

Transportation: students must provide own transportation

### Teacher Signatures

Period	Teacher Name	Signature	Yes/No	Reason(s)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

COACH Name/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Approval

Your signature indicates approval. Please consider teacher recommendations as indicated above. If you want your son/daughter to participate, please sign/return.

I give my permission to my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate on the trip outlined above and assume all responsibility, other than for loss, damage, or injury resulting from any negligent act committed by any employee, servant, or agent of the Hackensack Board of Education.



PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Students may sign-up to volunteer for 1-hour shifts.  
Extra Credit! Service hours!





# HHS MEN'S CHORUS



Who: for all guys who are interested in singing

What: an extra-curricular choral group, guys only!

When: - rehearsals are every FRIDAY, 2:30-3:00

- NO AUDITIONS!!! All men are welcome! Bring a friend!

- **First rehearsal: Friday, 9/27**

Where: Chorus room (#235)

Why: Because you like to sing!

Other info: Students are expected to make a commitment to the group and attend every rehearsal.

See Ms. Platte in Room 235 with any questions or email:

[jplatte@hackensackschools.org](mailto:jplatte@hackensackschools.org)

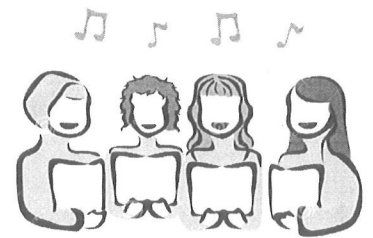
REMIND code: @e7b9c

Google classroom code: rnfu6m



Singers  
Wanted

# HHS WOMEN'S CHORUS



Who: for all girls who are interested in singing

What: an extra-curricular choral group, girls only!

When: - rehearsals are every THURSDAY, 2:30-3:00

- NO AUDITIONS!!! All girls are welcome! Bring a friend!

- **First rehearsal: Thursday, 9/26**

Where: Chorus room (#235)

Why: Because you like to sing!

Other info: Students are expected to make a commitment to the group and attend every rehearsal.

See Mrs. Platte in Room 235 with any questions or email: [jplatte@hackensackschools.org](mailto:jplatte@hackensackschools.org)

REMIND code: @kdbdd

Google classroom code: jo7n443



## Mrs. Platte's REMIND Codes

**TEXT the message below to the number 81010:**

Advanced Chorus: @ah43eh

Mixed Chorus: @8fah43

Music Appreciation: @ch9kke

Musical Theater I: @kkfg88

Musical Theater II: @f437de

Men's Chorus: @e7b9c

Women's Chorus: @kdbdd

## Mrs. Platte's GOOGLE CLASSROOM Codes

Advanced Chorus: 7qngpwn

Mixed Chorus: n49gp7o

Music Appreciation: 1qclyu

Musical Theater I: ofni8js

Musical Theater II: rveqae

Men's Chorus: rnfu6m

Women's Chorus: jo7n443