Welcome to Caledonia Middle School Players - 2020

Welcome to another fun filled year of Caledonia Middle School Players! We are very excited to announce that our production this year is *Shrek JR*. Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig. *Shrek JR* features songs by <u>Jeanine Tesori</u>.

In a faraway kingdom, the green ogre Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits, runaways who've been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task - if he rescues feisty Princess Fiona from the Dragon-guarded tower, his swamp will be returned to him. But, a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without unexpected twists and turns along the way.

We will present our production on Friday April 24, 2020 at 7pm & Saturday April 25, 2020 at 3pm and 7pm.

We will try our hardest to stick to our calendar dates, but please allow some flexibility for changes. All dates, times, location and cast called are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated via email as well as on our website at www.caledoniayouththeatre.org.

Everyone in grades 6-8 are eligible and encouraged to attend auditions on either Tuesday February 4, 2020 from 6-8pm or Thursday February 6, 2020 from 3-6 pm. If for some reason you are absolutely unable to attend the audition on your specified day, please contact us and we will try to make alternate arrangements. Auditions will be held at Duncan Lake Middle School in the PAC. Please be aware that the commitment for a lead role is often much greater than a role in chorus. Please note all conflicts your child may have with the rehearsal schedule on their audition form. Each student will need to be registered with the Caledonia Resource Center and submit the attached audition form signed by a parent in order to audition. All students MUST be registered with the Caledonia Resource Center PRIOR to auditions.

Parents and volunteers are the backbone of the Caledonia Middle School Players program. Many hands make light work, and without everyone's help, undertaking such a large production wouldn't be possible. We will be using sign up genius to coordinate different areas of need this year. Some of the spots needed are:

- Set building
- Assist with costumes
- Assist with make-up
- Props
- Sell tickets prior to shows
- Sell concessions during shows
- Provide meals prior to/during the performances
- Stage hands during the performances
- Weekly rehearsal crowd control
- Ushers at the performances
- Promote the show

Please watch your email for an invitation to help out. If you see an area listed that you'd like to help out with now, just let us know.

There will also be a short parent meeting immediately after the first rehearsal at 5:30 pm on Friday February 7, 2020. Please plan on attending so we can verify correct email addresses, information and discuss volunteer opportunities.

Thanks for sharing you kids with us and your support of Caledonia Middle School Players!

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