

The Narrator

PVMS' Theatre Arts Newsletter

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Announcing Auditions for our Fall Play

PVMS is pleased to announce our fall play, *Heist at the Giardina Museum*. This original play is based on an unsolved theft of artwork that occurred in 1990. Five teens take on the task of trying to solve the mystery. There are 14 characters and most roles will be double cast. When an actor is not on for their main role, they will be part of the ensemble or will be members of the stage crew for that performance.

Rehearsals will take place after school Monday - Thursdays with leads needing to attend more rehearsals than characters in fewer scenes. Performances will be November 13 - 15 at 7 pm, and November 15 at 1 pm.

Being a part of a production is a commitment of time and energy. Students who are interested in theatre but cannot commit to regular rehearsals might consider requesting to be on a crew (lightboard operator, sound crew, props crew, or paint crew) which require a commitment of fewer days. A rehearsal schedule will be posted on Canvas in Student Resources, in the PVMS Theatre News module.

Auditions will take place September 3 and 4. Actors should only attend one of the auditions. Permission slips and audition information for actors and crew can be picked up from Ms. Clark in Portable 2 or from folders outside the music lab (last year's theatre classroom). Students will need to have a signed permission slip to stay after school and to be a part of the play.

See Ms. Clark if you have any questions.

Announcing ITS' First Meeting

All ITS (International Thespian Society) members should stay after school on Tuesday, Sept 2. We will be electing officers for the year. The meeting will take place from 2:40 to 4:30 pm. Please pick up a permission slip from Ms. Clark.

Sweet Frog Fundraiser

PVMS Theatre will be holding a fundraiser on Wednesday, September 17 at Sweet Frog in Laurel. Take your family and friends to celebrate the beginning of a new year. A percentage of your purchase will be donated back to us. Money earned will go to support the PVMS' ITS Troupe to pay for membership fees. The International Thespian Society or ITS is an honor society for middle and high school students who have demonstrated effort and commitment in theatre. Each year, PVMS inducts about 15 new members that have earned this honor.

So go and have a sweet treat and support our theatre students! Below is a mini flyer. Everyone will need to show a flyer or tell the clerk that you want your purchase to support PVMS' International Thespian Society. Thank you for your support.



Family and Friends of PVMS Theatre

Did you know that everyone can donate to the theater program at PVMS? It's as simple as writing a check. Please make it out to Patuxent Valley Middle School and address the envelope to PVMS in care of Theatre Director, Laural Clark, so that the money can be directed into the theater account. 100% of money donated will go to supporting theater productions (paying for scripts, costuming, sets, lighting, and the sound system) or the PVMS ITS Troupe (to be used to pay membership fees). Please designate on the check which fund you would like to support (General Theatre Fund or ITS).

Looking Ahead

This spring, PVMS will be staging a Shakespearean comedy, *A Comedy of Errors*. The show involves mistaken identities when twins separated as toddlers seek their missing brothers. Auditions will be in December and performances in April. Stay tuned for more information.

Note from the Theatre Teacher and Director

I am excited to begin a new year of theatre at Patuxent Valley MS! If you have any questions, please send an email to laural_clark@hcpss.org. I hope to see many students in the theatre classes and at rehearsals. Sincerely, Laural Clark