

Become a Patron of the Whitehall High School Musical!

Our performance of Shrek the Musical is set for Wednesday, April 4th, at 12:30 p.m., tickets-\$5; and Thursday through Saturday, April 7th, at 7:30 p.m., tickets-\$7. We are looking for your financial support. Donate to the musical, and we will list you as contributor in the program and present you with a commemorative picture of our cast! **New this year**, platinum members who donate by April 2nd will be seated in a reserved center section of the auditorium when they purchase their tickets.

For the past 18 years, we have made a commitment to provide a professional level theater education that is enjoyed by our audience! This year's cast includes 100 students in grades 4 - 12 on stage, and many, many students and community members helping behind the scenes. Our show draws around 1,700 audience members every year, from many local communities- Blair, Galesville, Arcadia, Osseo, Eleva, etc.- across Wisconsin, Minnesota, and beyond. Last year, thanks to contributors like you, we had record breaking attendance, selling out both our Friday and Saturday night shows and are planning to continue this with boosted publicity.

The following lists some of the improvements we have made and some of the annual expenses we incur for our shows. We have had many parent fundraisers and have received financial support from the school district. These contributions have helped us make our shows possible, but we are looking for an additional source of income to help meet our long range and short term goals.

Improvements: Projects we have used additional revenue for in the past:

- We put in a new sounds system with 6 speakers, hot mics, 16 wireless mics, and a 24 channel mixer in 2001. \$20,000 (replaced the mixer in 2016 w/32 channel board)
- We run the show with 16 - 20 microphones that need updating and repairs on a yearly basis. We try to add/replace a set of 4 mics with transmitters every year at a cost of approximately \$3,500. (There were 2 wireless mics when I started.)
- Moved the controls for the lights (\$13,000) to the back of the auditorium so you can actually see the lights you turn on or off.
- There is great need here for more improvements.....hopefully soon!

Yearly costs: These vary depending on the show, ticket sales cover a lot of these costs.

- Rental Fee and Royalty Costs - \$2,400
- Set building/painting - estimate is \$800
- Costumes & Props - \$3,500 (plus \$1,200 for costumes that are made)
- Publicity - ads, radio, posters, programs, tickets, \$500
- Stipends - modest payments to production staff managers - \$4,000 (the district pays only my salary and the drama coach for a total of \$2,700)
- Other technology costs -sound effects, rehearsal tools, special effects, etc.

If you are interested in making a donation fill out the Patron Form on the second page. If you have any other questions or would like me or my assistant, Blake Schlarmann, to come and make a personal visit, don't hesitate to contact me.

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Patron Form

Silver Level: \$50 - \$100 Gold Level: \$101 - \$199 Platinum Level: \$200 and up

Name/Business _____

Address _____

Amount of donation: _____

How you would like your name and/or business to appear in our program (please print)

Please make checks payable to: Whitehall High School and send or turn in to the high school office in care of Jackie Goplin. Or mail to:

Whitehall High School
% Jackie Goplin
19121 Hobson Street
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Thank you for your support of the Whitehall School District Musical Theater Department.

Sincerely,

Jackie Goplin - Director
Blake Schlarmann - Administrative Assistant