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Mildred E. Strang Middle School Students Present "Shrek Jr."

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(Yorktown Heights, NY) On Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Yorktown High School Auditorium, students from the Mildred E. Strang Middle School (MESMS) will perform "Shrek Jr." Based upon the 2001 animated feature "Shrek", "Shrek the Musical, Jr." takes us on a journey of one ogre's quest to take back the swamp that is his home which has been invaded by evicted fairy tale creatures. They have been banished from their original homes by the somewhat evil and self-serving "half-pint" ruler Lord Farquaad, who has his sights set on marrying the lovely Princess Fiona and becoming King. Chaos ensues, and you'll have to see the rest for yourself! Come along with us as Shrek learns to celebrate the fact that we are all different, yet the same: we ALL just want to live happily ever after!

MESMS Musical Director, Mr. Paul Di Rito, choreographer, Mrs. Veronica Hildinger, and producer, Ms. Jessie Wallace, selected "Shrek Jr." because it features many roles for many students to perform on stage or to serve as members of the stage crew. It is a sure crowd-pleaser that provides students with a rewarding, educational, and exciting theatrical experience.

Everyone is invited to support the middle school students and enjoy the show. Tickets are \$9.00 and can be purchased via the Yorktown Central School District and Mildred E. Strang Middle School websites at www.yorktown.org. If any tickets remain, they will be sold at the door prior to the performance, cash only.

The cast and ensemble include: Katelyn Baker, Colin Bard, Madison Battinelli, Kaitlyn Bennett, Elsa Birch, Lucinda Birch, Meredith Brown, Francesco Cardillo, Joey Christensen, Anthony Cicinelli, Steven DiPietro, Marie Ducey, Amelia Duffy, Shannon Foley, Taylor Fontanella, Kileen Forte, Ray Foster, Erik Hernandez, Larry Hetz, Tori Lopez, Kuzanga Mainsah, Abby Menocal, Jessica Moskowitz, Maiya Munoz, Katilin Murphy, Jayda O'Neill, Savannah Oteiza, Anna Prybylski, Pooja Rajadurai, Emma Ralls, Sydney Ralls, Tyler Rodriguez, Liam Rothberg, Emma Rubenstein, Christina Ruvo, Samantha Sanchez, Jessica Schneider, Sarah Shapiro, Cirilla Shedletsky, Jack Tinari, Alyssa Traola, Gia Tropea, Julianna Veca, Lorelei Wolf, and Amanda Woodard.

The stage crew for backstage, sets and props includes: Victoria Belliveau, William Branca, Olivia Decicco, Caroline DeCoursey, Isabelle Deleski, Madelyn Fortuna, Grace Fortuna, Jenny Galotti, Ryan Geary, Brittany Giordano, Cassandra Green, Julia Hirsch, Molly Keane, Smita Mohindra, Ellen O'Callaghan, Nicole Ruffino and Elizabeth Scinto. The stage crew for ushers, sales and signs includes: Julia Boettigheimer, Kassie Borhi, Julia Capshaw, Sydney Cozza, Paul Duffy, Shannon Foley, Rilea Fusco, Jessica Gerdis, Casey Gilbert, Thomas Gmoser, Larry Hertz, Matt Lombardo, Doug McCarthy, Dina Palevic, Kristen Papitto, Eliza Pratt, Michael Ruvo, Kevin Settnisch, Shrilah Shah, Rebecca Tally, Casey Verdeschi and Sarah Winokur.

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