

CWHS 31st Annual Madrigal Dinner

Much Ado About Nothing

What is a Madrigal Dinner?

For 30 years, we have presented a Dinner Theatre in a Renaissance style to over 400 people annually. The performance includes a full dinner or luncheon, full play, singing and dancing. Nearly 100 students are all dressed in period costumes. This year's shows take place Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7pm and Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2pm. This performance marks our 31st year. Thirty years of bringing Shakespeare to our students and our community.

What's my student's requirement?

All students of the HS Vocal Department are expected to participate in the performance. All the Choirs will be singing at both performances. Students are also encouraged to participate in the dancing and other vocal ensembles and solos. Attendance is taken and notated in the 3rd Quarter Class grade.

Is there a cost to attend the Madrigal Dinner?

Since a full meal is served, the cost must be included in the ticket price. Ticket prices for this year are \$15 for Saturday, 2/15 and \$10 for Sunday, 2/16. Our Madrigal Dinner also serves as the only fundraiser we do in the High School Vocal Department. This eliminates the need to send out product brochures requiring families to sell a particular amount of items.

What's done with the profits from the Madrigal Dinner?

Most years, the profits go to pay the bills for the general projects, supplies and equipment around the department. This year marks the second of a multi-year project that will benefit from the Madrigal Dinner. Along with the Instrumental Department, the CW Performing Arts Boosters and the CW Schools Administration, we are beginning needed repairs and upgrades in our district's only dedicated performance venue, the Speaks Auditorium. Our goal is to see repairs and upgrades in the lighting system, the audience seating and the backstage rehearsal spaces.

How can I help?

There are numerous ways you can help during the Madrigal weekend. I have included a copy of our ticket reservation form. We are currently putting together the list of parent volunteers that are needed to make the show a success. There are a variety of jobs that need to be done from pre-production to clean-up. On the back, you'll find a list of some of the help you can provide to make this a valuable and memorable experience for your student. Please take a few moments and review the list and either return this letter, call or email your response.

To help make our goal, we ask each family to help our program by taking at least 8 ticket orders.

Dear Choir and Performing Arts Parents,

It's time once again to begin our plans for the annual Madrigal Dinner. This year's show will be William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2020. As always, we are expecting a high quality show filled with wonderful acting, singing and dancing.

For those parents who are new to the High School Choral and Performing Arts Department, this production will mark the 31st year of Madrigal Dinner productions and is similar to a dinner theatre. The show will be presented in the High School Cafetorium on President's Day Weekend. **All** the students in the choirs and performing arts class will be involved in the show in some aspect as part of their class grade.

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We are also including a copy of our ticket reservation form. This will be our **ONLY** fundraiser this year for the Performing Arts Department. We ask each family to help our program by taking at least 8 ticket orders.

Parent Time and Talent Survey

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____ Can you be contacted at work? Yes No

I (we) can assist in the following ways:

Before the show:

____ Soliciting corporate donations, grants, etc.

____ Costuming, sewing and/or distribution

____ Make-Up

____ Organizing Parents

During the show:

____ Set up Friday, 2/14 evening

____ Set up Saturday, 2/15, morning

____ Assisting student servers Saturday evening

____ Clean up after Saturday show, evening

____ Assisting Student servers, Sunday afternoon

____ Clean up after Sunday show, 2/16 afternoon.

____ Other (please specify:) _____

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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