

Musical & Audition Information

Gateway Middle School PTSA proudly presents:

Dear Edwina: Online Edition

Audition Video & Application Due Date: Sunday - December 13, 2020, 11:59 PM

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This year, Gateway PTSA will be presenting the musical *Dear Edwina, Online Edition*. Due to the pandemic limitations, all rehearsals and the production will be virtual. There will be no in person meetings, rehearsals or performances. Everything will be done via Zoom or other virtual platforms.

The arts community has suffered greatly during the pandemic. Gateway PTSA is proud to be able to partner again with Edge Performing Arts & Dance who will be providing all audition/directing services.

Although the rehearsal/performance schedule is not yet finalized, we anticipate rehearsals to be afterschool on Tuesday and Friday afternoons through the months of January and February beginning after Winter Break over Zoom.

Student Expectations: We have very strict guidelines that students are expected to follow, and we'll go through them at our first rehearsal. Being in a play is a team process and it is vital that each student understand that they have a responsibility not only to themselves but to an entire group of people that are counting on them to do their part. The rewards are great but it takes effort from everyone to get there. There will be zero tolerance of negative conduct for all involved. The Gateway PTSA Drama program is an extra-curricular activity; please keep up on your classes, homework, and grades.

Participation Fee & Show Expenses: This year, we will not be collecting a participation fee from students. In lieu of a participation fee, if you are able, we ask that you consider donating to the Gateway PTSA drama program to help cover the cost of this production. This link will allow you to provide a tax-deductible donation:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/gateway-ptsa-drama-program>

Cast members may consider encouraging relatives to donate on their behalf as a holiday gift! We know that the pandemic has been hard for every family. Companies that rely on the arts have been hit especially hard and it is for that reason we felt it important to proceed with a program this year, even as we are limited to the virtual format, so we could provide those companies some revenue until things can return to normal. Though virtual this year, we will still have expenses for our directors, video/audio editing, MTI license fees for the rights to the play, and the cost of purchasing scripts and other materials.

This year, because our actors will be acting from home, they will be asked to provide their own makeup and hair supplies; they may also need to provide basic costume items and our Stage Crew volunteers will work with the actors to creatively come up with ideas based on the story and materials available at their homes.

Parent/Guardian Involvement: Family volunteers are vital to the success of our production and we will need helpers in many areas. Our biggest need will be for parents to help monitor the Zoom rehearsals and help with breakout rooms, especially on Fridays. We will also need parents to work with the Stage Crew and actors to creatively develop sets and costumes from supplies they have in their own homes. If there are any parents with experience in audio/video editing and would be interested in helping to produce our play, please let me know as soon as possible.

ALL parent volunteers will need to complete the updated Volunteer Application online. Visit the school website to check your status or update your volunteer information:
<https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1578>

There will be a parent Zoom meeting after our first rehearsal in January (date/time TBD) We will discuss expectations of the students and parents, describe the various involvement positions, explain more about the rehearsal/performance process, and you'll have a chance to meet your fellow *Dear Edwina* families.

I am excited to help with this year's musical! If you have any questions, please email me at: koridewing@hotmail.com.

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