



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to your child! They have been selected to take part in this season's HMS Drama production of "Dress Rehearsal for Murder" and "The Fantastic Opening Acts". We were able to take on 33 young theatre thespians for this play and we are very happy that your child has earned the privilege to participate.

Our play will be featured in this year's NBTA Provincial Drama Festival in Fredericton. This means that on Monday, May 16th, we will be taking a two night trip to the provincial capital. We will return late Wednesday night (9pm). These three days will be very exciting and at the same time educational (shhh...don't tell the kids!). We will be taking in plays, workshops, ceremonies and we will be putting on our play as well. We will perform in the Black Box Theatre on Tuesday at 12:15pm at STU.

Visit <http://www.nbdramafest.com/> for details.

Costs that we need for you to cover include:

- \$20 student registration;
- \$50 for accommodations at UNB;
- \$80 dollars for 8 meals (which we will collect before leaving & distribute \$10 at each meal);
- \$15 T-shirt

The total for the 3 day venture will be **\$165**. This does not include spending \$.

Please note: We will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day basket to offset these costs. Students can sell tickets up to and beyond the required \$165 for Drama Fest. See the back of this notice.

The school has agreed to pay busing (approx \$1000), play registration, scripts, royalties, music, supply teachers and many other miscellaneous costs.

Drama will be an important commitment for your child and they are expected to come to each rehearsal. We will try to give them/you as much notice as possible when it comes to practice and pick-up times. **Please check the Harkins Middle School Website for our link and scheduled rehearsal times, <http://hms.nbed.nb.ca/clubs/hms-drama-club-2016>.** Students are also expected to attend lunch time rehearsal as needed. As we get closer to the festival, more rehearsal times will be added.

We are looking forward to another very successful year of drama and we are elated to have such a dynamic cast and crew. This will be an invaluable experience for your child and we thank you so very much for your support. We will be performing the plays for the public at home after the festival, for your viewing pleasure.

Printed on the back of this notice is a synopsis of our play...it is sure to be an instant hit!

Please call the school or send an email if you have any questions or concerns.

FYI: There will be a final parent notice going home the week before we leave.

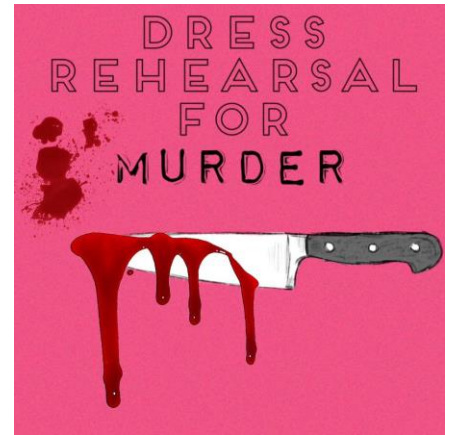
Thanks again in advance for your interest and support,

Yours in drama,

Ms Barribeau & Ms Beers

HARKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS...

At the isolated Bide A Wee Bed and Breakfast, an eclectic group of guests, including the famous young heiress, Riviera Carlton, gather for some rest and relaxation. When Riviera's fiancé, Bernard the Mime, turns up dead and his body then disappears, the list of suspects is long — seems like there isn't a man in the place who's not vying for Riviera's affection. The list grows longer as secrets are revealed... Bernard had also asked Bettye, a ridiculous "has-been" actress, to marry him. Tensions heat up to a boiling point with the arrival of Ron "The Ronald" Carlton, Riviera's father, who spouts "You're fired!" as if it were "Good day"! And when Inspector Barish shows up with his newly acquired gun, which he has no idea how to use, it's certifiable mayhem! It takes every bit of logic and deduction for the inspector to solve the mystery of the missing mime. With loads of quirky dialogue, zany stage action and a "no murder after all" ending, your audience will enjoy themselves so much they'll want to bide a wee longer!



HARKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB'S ANNUAL: MOTHER'S DAY BASKET

It's time for our annual fundraiser! With the monies raised last year, many students were able to off-set most or even all of their expenses for our trip to the NBTA Provincial Drama Festival.

This year, we would like to again raise funds by means of a Mother's Day Basket. We are asking each Drama student to bring one new item to help fill the basket. It could be anything from a gift certificate, soaps, towels, slippers, wrapped candy; anything under the theme of Mother's Day!

We will be asking students to sell tickets on the basket. The money YOU raise will go towards your \$165 Drama fee. Ms Barrieau will be handling all monies brought in.

Please have basket items donated by **Monday, April 4th**, so we may begin promoting and making the basket. Tickets will be sent home soon.

We are lucky to have such a caring group of parents and students and we appreciate your support!



Drama Festival 2016- Student Contract & Parental Consent Form

I, _____ agree to positively represent Harkins Middle School at this year's NBTA Drama Festival. I understand that all regular school rules apply in Fredericton and drama festival is an extension of school. I will be extra alert, attentive and aware of my surroundings while away. I will be respectful of the people around me and I agree to be cooperative and comply with the guidelines/directions set forth by Ms Barrieau and Ms Beers.

Other important expectations:

- Attendance at Festival: Students are expected to view plays or participate in workshops at all times, as directed by Ms Barrieau and Ms Beers.
- Keys: UNB charges a fee for lost keys (\$25 per key). Parents/students will be responsible for this cost if they lose their keys. Bringing a lanyard may be helpful.
- Quiet in the dorms: Sleep times will be well defined by Ms Barrieau and Ms Beers. Please respect these times and think about others. With a jam-packed schedule, we will all need our precious rest time.
- Medication: Teachers cannot dispense medication, so if you are prone to headaches or bellyaches, bring the appropriate medication (advil, tums etc...)
- Cafeteria clean-up is essential and courteous. Please look after your own messes.

Drama 2016- Important Dates

- *Basket Item due: **Monday, April 4th**; Tickets due **Wednesday, May 4th**
- *Dessert Potluck Rehearsal: **Saturday, May 7th: 1-4pm**
- *\$165 total due **Wednesday, May 11th**
- *Final Dress Rehearsal: **Sunday, May 15th, 1-3:30pm**
- *Drama Festival: **Monday May 16th- Wednesday, May 18th**



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I give permission for my child _____ (child's name) to travel to the NBTA Provincial Drama Festival, held May 4,5,6th on St Thomas University Campus in Fredericton, NB. I have also read, understand and agree with the attached parent notices, including the "Student Contract & Parental Consent Form" regarding the festival.

(See HMS website for all notices: <http://hms.nbed.nb.ca/clubs/hms-drama-club-2016>)

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Emergency Contact 1: _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____

Allergies, Medication, Other important information: _____