

Drama Club (by Taylor Hallock)

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This year the Drama Club is performing the play *Elf*, a very funny story about a man raised as an elf at the North Pole who discovers he is a human and decides to travel to New York City to locate his real father. The directors are Mrs. Kwiatkowski, Mrs. Gerity, and Miss Perkins. Drama Club rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 2:40-3:45 in the Music Room. Back in September, Miss Perkins scheduled an informational meeting for interested sixth, seventh and eighth graders. She went over her expectations and gave everyone some dialog to practice for an audition. Then she assigned a date to audition as an actor in the play. If you wanted to be in the very important tech crew, you had to write two paragraphs about why you would be an asset to the crew and the production. If you were in the tech crew last year you only had to write one paragraph.



Actors at work

Gabby Kravanis is a 7th grader who will be playing the role of the nun. She thought it would be fun to express herself on stage, and she likes hanging out with friends. She loves Drama Club because she gets to have fun and be herself. Nobody judges anyone by the way they act- it is a safe space. She says Drama Club has helped her deal with stage fright, and it has made it easier to give presentations in her classes.

Miss Perkins said that Drama Club helps build self-confidence in public speaking. She said that one challenge about putting on the plays is just finding the right play to perform each year. Another challenge can be the technology, such as the actor's microphones-they don't always work as expected! Miss Perkins has been directing the Drama Club for over fifteen years. She wants everyone to know you don't have to be a great actor to join Drama Club. You just have to be willing to work hard, learn your lines, and work well with others. This year's production of *Elf* will premiere on Friday, May 8, at 1:00 PM in the Corrigan Gym. There will also be a performance at 7:00 PM that night, and at 1:00 PM on Saturday. See you there!