

MSA THEATRE DEPARTMENT GLOSSARY & TIMELINE | 2019-2020

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EVENT	DESCRIPTION	COMMITMENT	DATES	LOCATION	NOTES
Theatre Workshops	Incoming freshman and returning students are integrated through a variety of activities	Mandatory , 10am-4pm with lunch breaks schedule published in July	August 10-17	PAC	Includes headshots, techniques, and Fall Musical auditions, ends w/ Family Picnic, Saturday @4pm
MSA Town Hall	MSA-wide gathering for information and community building. Begins in large group and breaks up into department meetings	Essential for parents–August 20 is MSA Orientation (all Students and Parents), includes teacher/dept, Foundation intros.	August 20 Oct 15, Jan 21, March 31	Weather dependent, ends in PAC	Will include student performances and/or art displays
Fall Musical	Large musical production, rehearsals include Saturdays w/no Weds or Sun until Tech Period, 9 performances across 3 consecutive weekends before Thanksgiving	Optional, auditions held week before school, cast by committee as school starts. Mandatory rehearsals continue with added performances (see <i>Ohlone</i> , <i>Showcase</i> , and <i>Rita Moreno</i>)	August 24 through Nov 24, plus later dates as required	PAC	Rehearsals start Saturday after school starts. Holdover performances dates Dec 6-8 in case of fires
Tech Weeks	Longer, intensive rehearsals 2 weeks prior to opening	Mandatory for all cast and crew (all rehearsals -no exceptions)	FM: Oct 25-Nov 7 Play: April 3-16	PAC	Meal support from parents through online sign up
Booster Meetings	Mr. Franz reports on current activities, time allotted for questions	Expected for officers, all are encouraged. Mandatory in May	3rd Tues of the month, 6:15pm	PAC	4 times a year preceded by MSA Town Hall (times vary)
Book Passage	MSA-wide event showcasing all departments	Assigned. Group & solo performances, rehearsals, 30-minute performance slot	Sept 27	Book Passage in Corte Madera	Interested performers ask Mr. Franz
Divine Wine	First Foundation fundraiser of the year, may include fall musical performances	Voluntary/selected. Solo/group singers, dance numbers will rehearse weeks before	October 12	Off-campus facility	Parent volunteers needed for pre-planning and day of event
Soirée	Free event with performances from all disciplines	Optional, student sign up	Sept 13, Dec 20, Mar 6	PAC	December Soirée includes alumni
Studio Night	Student Master Class workshop songs or monologues see the process	Mandatory (one a year) , sign up for dates	Sept 20, Dec 13, Feb 28, May 28	PAC	Open to parents, offers glimpse into classwork and rehearsal process
One Act	A 45-minute production, taken to various venues throughout the year	Optional, auditions and casting before Thanksgiving, off book after Thanksgiving break. Rehearsals 2 nd week of Winter Break. (see <i>Lenaea</i> and <i>Words & Music</i>)	November-May	Lenaea, Words & Music, Mother Lode	Rehearses during Winter Break (Dec 30-Jan 4)
Words & Music	First act is showcase of classwork: songs, dances, monologues, scenes, Spoon River. Second Act is <i>One Act</i>	One Act cast/crew, selections for songs, scenes, monologues. Dress rehearsals the week before. Friday performance is Winter Formal.	Jan 31, Feb 1, 2	PAC	Tickets on sale via Brown Paper. 3 Performances: Fri and Sat nite @7pm, Sun @2pm

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Lenaee*	Theatre festival includes One Act, Monologues, Duo Scenes, Musical Theatre workshops and competition	One Act cast and crew, auditions/selections for songs, scenes, monologues. Rehearsals start 2 nd week of Winter Break.	Feb 7-9, 2020	Folsom, ~1.5 hrs. north	Need chaperones, 2 nights in El Dorado Hills hotel. Leave NHS early Friday morning, return late Sunday night.
Spring Play	Smaller production for less than 30 students, perform in April	Auditions Nov/Dec, rehearsals start after Winter Break and continue through Spring Break	Performs April 17-26	PAC	Rehearses during Spring Break (April 6-10). Possible Wednesday rehearsals in Tech weeks 4/3-4/16
MSA Theatre Auditions	Weekend of auditions for prospective theatre students	Optional. Current students participate and demonstrate directions, offer support	Jan 18 & 19	PAC	1-2 parents needed each Sat/Sun to check students in
Chapman*	High school Shakespeare festival at Chapman University, includes monologues and workshops with university professors	Optional, 15 students max	Feb 20-23	Orange, 7-8 hrs south	2 nd weekend of February break. Stay in hotel just over grapevine, then Santa Ana Orange Co.
ESU*	Regional Shakespeare monologue competition	2 students (NHS and MSA) Selected by committee	First weekend in March	San Francisco	Winners compete nationally in April in NYC
Ohlone*	Theatre festival at Ohlone College, featuring "Maxi" 10-minute review of fall musical	Musical cast, auditions/selections for songs, scenes, monologues.	Mid March	Fremont, ~2 hrs. south	One night in hotel, chaperones. 2019 was cancelled, may not do it again, should know in August.
Showcase	Biggest foundation fundraiser of the year, includes MSA-wide performances and Maxi	Voluntary/selected. Solo/group singers, Maxi, dance numbers rehearse in weeks before	March 28	Off-campus theater	Parent coordinators and volunteers needed. Tickets on sale through MSAF.
Mother Lode*	High school drama festival/competition Conflicts with Spring Play	One Act cast/crew, auditions/selections for songs, scenes, monologues. Possible rehearsals, miss school Friday	April 17/18	Amador, ~1.5 hrs. north	Need chaperones, 1 night in hotel El Dorado Hills. Leave NHS Friday morning. May not go this year as it coincides with Spring Play
Rita Moreno*	Competition of area high school musicals in San Jose. Adjudicators invite schools/students to compete	Nominees announced in April. Assigned fall musical cast, must be available for Maxi rehearsals, miss school Monday, home late	May 18	San Jose Center for Performing Arts	Invites are extended last Wednesday in April. Need parents to drive.
Mandatory Meeting	Incoming and current students work together, parents meet to preview upcoming year	Mandatory for all MSA theatre students and parents	May 20	PAC/Library	Booster officers introduced, calendar and vital information reviewed
Senior Showcase	Student-organized song & scene review of seniors' experiences	Optional, students need to organize and direct event In accordance with guidelines	May 22	PAC	Dates chosen to work with performers' schedule
MSA Awards Night	Theatre students meet after MSA awards to reflect and share	Seniors	May 28	PAC	Open to all

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