

Hello, everybody-

Thanks for filling out the online Audition Registration Form for Huron Valley Community Theatre's production of *The Grunch*!

Auditions will be happening this Tuesday and Wednesday, January 7 & 8th from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in the Music Room at Country Oaks Elementary School. Country Oaks is located at the corner of Duck Lake Road and Commerce Road, next to Oak Valley Middle School.

Parents, please come in with your child for a few minutes for an information meeting. After that, you're welcome to stay, or you can leave and come back to pick up your child a little before 7:30.

Everybody should be prepared to sing a short song that they like and maybe tell us a joke, and then we'll read a couple of scenes from the script.

Students only need to come for one of the nights, but they're welcome to come both nights, if they want to. The kids should plan to stay for the whole time, since we have to get through everyone singing and then everyone reading in groups.

Our show is called *The Grunch*. It's based on Dr. Seuss's *The Grinch...* but it's not a Christmas story, and Grunch isn't green! There's no Cindy Lou Who, either. In our story, the kids at Hoover Academy in Milford are excited about this year's school musical- all except for Rudy Grunch, a sixth-grader who just doesn't get what all the excitement is about. He plans to steal the costumes, the scenery, and the lights. The littlest kids aren't really that excited about playing flowers again, either, and it turns out that Grunch's aunt is the head theatre critic for the New York Times, and she's bringing all of her fellow critics to see the show. The pressure is on, and you can probably guess the rest!

Here's a link to a video from a workshop production of *The Grunch* at the Children's Musical Theatre Festival, if you'd like to check it out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H8RRRpf3HQ&t=132s>

The plan is for everyone who auditions to be in the show, as long as it's a manageable number of kids. If you're not able to participate after all, please just let us know.

After auditions, we'll put together the cast list of who will be playing which parts and send that out to everyone before the weekend. *Please understand that we won't answer questions about why a student was cast or not cast for a certain part.*

Our first rehearsal will be on Monday, January 13th for everyone who can be there. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00-7:30. We will try to work around schedules so that each cast member will only need to be at two rehearsals every week, up until the last couple of weeks when we need to start running the whole show with everyone.

Rehearsals will be at Country Oaks up until show week, when we'll move over to the high school. Our performances will be in the Little Theatre at Milford High School on March 21 & 22nd, which is the first weekend of Spring Break for HVS students.

This show is a Huron Valley Community Theatre production. Please check out the HVCT website at www.hvcommunitytheater.org and look us up on Facebook to see what else we've done recently!

There is a \$75 fee to participate in the show. We'll be sending a payment link for that once we get started with rehearsals. Scholarship help is available, if needed.

Also, we usually use the Band app for communication once we get started with rehearsals, so watch for some information on how to join our Band once it's set up.

If you have any other questions, please just respond to this email.

We'll see you at auditions!

Mr. Marquis