



NCA MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL HISTORY

Why musicals? Musicals are the most efficient way to deliver all the arts disciplines in one package. Singing, acting, and dancing introduce young people to music, language arts and physical education. The creation of backdrops, costumes and props engage young people to the visual arts. Computer-driven lights, sound and projections expose young people to the digital arts and expose students to cutting-edge, twenty-first century skills. That's the power of musical theatre.

The middle school musical is an annual event at Northshore that ends in a series of performances in March. The musical is an extra-curricular activity where students rehearse several days a week after school from December-March. Auditions happen in the fall and are open to all 6th – 8th-grade students. Typically, there are 50-60 students in the cast and crew. The musicals give a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, and parents to work together in community with a common goal.

Some of the musicals that have been performed at NCA include:

- The Lion King Jr.
- Getting to Know Oklahoma
- Music Man Jr.
- The Little Mermaid Jr.
- Annie Jr.
- Beauty and the Beast Jr.
- Aladdin Jr.
- Alice in Wonderland, Jr.
- Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.
- The Sound of Music

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents are welcome to volunteer in a variety of ways at NCA. It is our goal to partner with parents in the whole education process. The middle school musical is one way that parents jump in and contribute to the success of the process. Set building, creating costumes, organizing meals, helping with hair and make-up, supporting the ticketing, and ushering process, concessions, decorating, and many other jobs are taken on by our parent community. Every year, we hear parents comment about what a wonderful thing it is to support our students by helping in the musical, how much fun they are having, how they are creating bonds and friendships that stretch beyond the musical timeframe, and how happy they are to be a part of the Northshore community in this way. We are so grateful for the amazing parents we have at NCA and their willingness to pitch in and do whatever they can to help. Our parent volunteers are a wonderful example of the body of Christ, each person bringing their gifts and talents to share, and together we experience something extraordinary.