

Hi MHS Drama Mamas and Papas,

My name is Robin Balint and I am looking for help with selling tickets for the "Dracula" show. The online ticket sales will end on 11/01. This year we would like to sell tickets during "HECK" week at lunch and at rehearsals. In order to do this, we will need help from our Mamas and Papas.

It would be wonderful to have two (or one) volunteer(s) each day for the lunch sales on 11/02 – 11/04 from 10:00 to 12:30.

I will be selling tickets at each rehearsal on 11/02 – 11/04 from 4:00 – 7:00. It would be great to have one volunteer help me at each rehearsal.

Please let me know if you can help. **AND/OR Please come to our FINAL Mamas and Papas meeting for this show (bring Hershey's Hugs and Kisses) on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 in the Studio.** I will have a ticket sales sign-up sheet at this meeting.

Thanks,

Mama Robin
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Dracula--Blood, Sweat and Tears !

The Maurice J. McDonough's Drama Department is currently presenting their blood-pumping production of William McNulty's *Dracula*. This version of the classic Bram Stoker's play came about in 2007, and with McDonough's talented young group of students and the direction of Jana Heyl, they are having no problems with being the first to perform it in the area. The show will be running from November 5th through the 7th at 7:00 P.M. and November 8th at 2:00 P.M. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time to the public.

The students will also be presenting Dracula's Lair, a haunted cemetery in the back of the auditorium, in order to raise money or cans of non-perishable food for their charitable food drive, Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat. Dracula's Lair will be open 30 minutes before and after the production for just \$1.00, or four cans of food for their TOTS Eat program.

The students at Maurice J. McDonough couldn't be more excited to perform this timeless tale that reveals that people aren't always what they seem to be. Tickets for *Dracula* are on sale for \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students, and \$7.00 for thespians. This show is not intended for young children. Tickets for the show can be purchased by ordering them online at www.mcdonoughdrama.com or at the door the week of the show. For more information, contact Jana Heyl at 301-609-8198 or by email at jhey@cboe.com.

Hurry and order your tickets today and experience this blood-rushing show for yourself and come and take a bite out of life with McDonough's Drama Department.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DRAMA CLUB PARENTS & GUARDIANS

If your child is involved in the Dracula production they will be staying late for “Heck Week” and will need to eat a warm nutritious dinner. We ask that you contribute in some way to the three nights that they will be late.

Please send in food to the school with your child in the morning or drop it off in the morning to the back of the auditorium. If it requires heat or refrigeration or a dish or utensil is to be returned please leave labels and instructions.

Each night will have a theme:

Please note that if you don't have time to cook or can't think of anything to go along with the theme then please send in a bag of fresh apples, or a couple bunches of bananas and grapes or other fruits, the kids really seem to enjoy fresh fruit, which we should be happy to encourage! Also, desserts don't have to fall within the theme, feel free to send in pies, cookies, brownies or cakes of whatever you can contribute. Also welcome are cases of soda, water and juice, cups, plates, napkins and hand sanitizer in addition to any food you can send. If you can contribute two items, say a case of soda CANS and a bag of chips, that would also very helpful. We ask that everybody contribute something each of the three days in order for all of the participants to have something to eat; otherwise there won't be enough food for everybody. Thank you so much for helping us with this, it really helps everybody. If you are sending in non-perishable pre-packaged goods such as chips, soda, cookies, condiments and so forth, please feel free to leave all three days worth of your donations on Monday, if it will help save you a difficult trip to the school.

Monday November 2 – Mexican

Possible items you could send in: tortilla chips with salsa or cheese dip, bagged salad already prepared (please include a bowl and serving utensil), Mexican style casseroles, shredded cheeses, diced tomatoes, diced onions, taco shells, flour tortillas, seasoned chicken or beef or vegetarian style crumbles.

Tuesday November 3 – Italian

Possible items to send in: prepared pans of penne in red sauce, baked ziti, garlic bread, salad and salad dressings, a crock-pot of meatballs, baked chicken, parmesan cheese, pizza, calzones, garden primavera.

Wednesday November 4 – American

Possible items to send in: Macaroni & cheese, prepared hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, fried chicken, chicken tenders, macaroni salad, potato salad, finger sandwiches such as tuna salad, egg salad or ham.

Everybody involved with the production will have had very long days by the time they get dinner, so we really appreciate what you contribute and thank you so much for helping.

WHERE: Leave the food on the back table of the auditorium

WHEN: Before 6pm on November 2-4

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to have a safe and organized production we must have some parent volunteers to work during the production in various capacities (Greenroom or Backstage supervision, ticket sales, merchandise sales, concessions help). If you can help with a volunteer shift, please let us know which night works best for you. If you volunteer to work a shift, we will give a FREE ticket for another night. That ticket cannot be redeemed on-line but instead through the box office or at the ticket booth the night of the show.

NAME:

Parent/Guardian of:

Phone #

e-mail address

Thursday Nov 5 -

Friday Nov 6 -

Saturday Nov 7 -

Sunday Nov 8 -

AREA of INTEREST in helping (from the above list)

Please detach and return to the school by Oct. 29th so a list may be made and distributed.

CONCESSION DONATIONS NEEDED

To help raise money we sell concessions during the shows. Please send in individually wrapped candy, small bags of potato chips, pre-packaged cookies, cases of soda CANS, water and juice. Leave your donations in the auditorium by November 3rd please.

All proceeds benefit the McDonough Drama Club.

*****INVITATION TO TAKE PHOTOS AT DRESS REHEARSAL*****

Calling all shutter-bugs!

You are invited to come to the full dress rehearsal and take photos of the production on Wednesday November 4th 4 pm to 6:30 . However, professional pictures will be taken by Ms Bartlett and Mr Cooper for use on our website. They will be the only photographers allowed up front. No flash photography or videography is permitted then or during the show. No additional audience members without Mrs Heyl's permission please.

Explanation to Parents: Media Release Form

There are several times during the school year when the MHS DRAMA takes photos or videos of the students involved in the production .

. If you are willing for this to occur, we request that you complete the form below and send it Mrs Heyl . It will remain on file at the school for the length of your student's enrollment unless you send in a note otherwise.

There will also be times when pictures will be posted on the DRAMA DEPARTMENT's web page, www.mcdonoughdrama.com. We are also offering a service called PICUZZI (a product similar to Shutterfly) which will allow MHS Drama members the opportunity to create their own souvenirs from the show. These souvenirs will be photo albums, calendars, and photo cards. This media release form will serve as permission to post such information as needed.

MHS DRAMA MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission to the MHS DRAMA DEPARTMENT to photograph/videotape my child. It is my understanding that this photograph/videotape or portions thereof will be used for public view.

I agree to participate in this project without financial remuneration, and I understand that this releases the school/photographer/interviewer from any future claims, as well as from any liability, arising from the use of the said photograph/interview.

Name of Child: _____

(please print or type)

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

Please Note ***Without this form turned in , your pictures cannot be included in the website.

FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 3rd