**2013-14 CMS Theatre Program**

**CMS Theatre Leadership Team:**

Virginia Perry Smith – Overall Program Lead / Producer / Director / Choreographer

Robin Bolash – Director / Improv Program Lead / Music Manager

Mr. William Sanders – Acting and Scene Development Coach / Tech Manager

Ms. Jessica Bryant – Production Manager / Wardrobe & Props Manager

**Overall Program Notes:**

\* Carroll Middle School will launch it’s own chapter of the Junior International Thespian Society (ITS is the “National Honor Society” for Theatre) in August 2013! Students must accumulate a required number of ‘theatre hours’ in order to meet the induction requirements. The majority of our 2012-13 theatre participants have met those requirements, and we will have our first induction ceremony shortly after the beginning of the 2013-14 school year (date TBD).

\* Two 8th Graders will be selected as Student Directors for part of the Fall Showcase. Each Student Director will have their own small project/scene to direct. The Student Director will review their top choices with the Leadership team, at which time a final project/scene will be selected. The Student Director will be mentored throughout the Directing process, as needed, but will remain the primary decision maker for casting, stage movement, performance choices, etc. {We are VERY excited to add this opportunity to our growing theatre program!}

\* The Fall Showcase will be ‘juried’ by respected Theatre personnel from the Wake County community. This is not a competition - it is an opportunity for our students to receive constructive feedback about their performances, in order to help them strengthen their performance skills and gain more confidence as they move forward.

\* We will launch a true ‘Theatre Tech’ program for the 2013-14 school year. This program will be mentored by and collaborate with the Sanderson High School Theatre Tech team members, led by the incomparable Ms Judy Dove. The CMS Theatre Tech Team will become the primary tech resource for the CMS Auditorium and volunteer hours to support external groups who use the CMS Auditorium will be associated with this program. {This is a HUGE opportunity for our Theatre Tech team and we cannot wait to launch this program!}

\* Involved in Athletics but interested in participating in the CMS Theatre Club/program? We will do everything that we can to help you make this a reality! We will have a few Information Meetings at the very beginning of the 2013-14 school year - come talk with us so we can evaluate options and possibilities.

**FALL SHOWCASE:**

\* The following is a list of the scene/performance selections which we plan to include in the Fall Showcase. This list is *subject to changes* as we purchase scripts, evaluate running time and begin working with the students in the Fall.

Steel Magnolias (All Female Dramatic scene)

-> Director: Virginia Perry Smith

The Odd Couple (All Male Comedic scene)

-> Director: Virginia Perry Smith

Improv with Audience Involvement

-> Director: Robin Bolash

Shakespeare Play (the exact play choice is TBD) – 2 scenes = 1 in traditional time period/1 in more contemporary time period

-> Director: Robin Bolash

Grease (Large Group Musical Number to “We Go Together” or a compilation of songs from the Musical)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

Student Directors - 2 selections (one per Director)

-> Directors: TBD

2 monologues – 1 MALE / 1 FEMALE

-> Director: TBD

2 duologues – 1 MALE / 1 FEMALE

-> Director: TBD

Strong FEMALE musical solo to include intro scene w/ other characters (Popular from Wicked)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

Strong MALE musical solo to include intro scene w/ other characters ((Ya Got) Trouble from The Music Man)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

Strong MALE musical duet to include intro scene (Pretty Women from Sweeney Todd)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

Strong FEMALE musical duet to include intro scene (Defying Gravity from Wicked)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

MALE/FEMALE duet & dance number – (16 Going on 17 from Sound of Music)

-> Co-Directors: Virginia Perry Smith & Robin Bolash

**SPRING MUSICAL:**

**Willie Wonka!**

\* We are SUPER excited about all of the possibilities that this musical will provide! Get ready to be creative as we develop this magical world and production. =)

**PROPOSED CMS THEATRE DATES FOR 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR:**

\* These dates are subject to change, and more dates will be added/solidified as we get closer to the school year, but we wanted to go ahead and get you some early information as you look at next year’s schedules.

September 4th & 5th - Theatre Program informational meetings

September 12th - CMS Audition Workshop

September 17-19 - Fall Showcase Auditions

October 12th (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

*November 1st & 2nd - Regional North Carolina Theatre Conference @ Washington High School (Greensboro) {we will not be competing or attending as a club, but we are encouraging any interested CMS Theatre Club members/parents to attend as an observer. We would like to enter this competition for the 2014-15 school year).*

November 16th (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

November 23rd (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

December 3rd - Fall Showcase Tech Rehearsal

December 4th - Fall Showcase Full Dress Rehearsal

December 5th & 6th - Fall Showcase Performances

December 11th (or 12th) - CMS/SHS ITS Audition Workshop (Willie Wonka audition materials distributed)

January 2nd - Theatre Club meetings resume after the Holidays

January 7th-9th - Spring Musical Auditions

February 8th (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

March 15th (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

April 12th (Saturday) - potential Workshop Weekend

April 26th (Saturday) - CONFIRMED Workshop Weekend

April 30th - Tech Rehearsal

May 1st - Full Dress Rehearsal

May 2nd & 3rd - Spring Musical performances