

Dear Students and Parents,

**Students:** It takes a lot of confidence to audition or try-out for something. I appreciate the effort and time you put into learning your audition music, and singing for me. I understand that you may be disappointed, upset, or angry with your role - these are all normal feelings. I have experienced the same feelings and emotions throughout my musical life (trust me!). I am sure your parents or other family members have also gone through similar experiences in school, or at work.

6th and 7th graders- I encourage you to audition again next year. 8th graders- I encourage you to audition for the high school shows next year. Also, do not let this deter you from auditioning for other shows outside of school! There are so many wonderful local acting and singing opportunities!

All of this being said, I truly hope that even if your assigned role was not your first choice, you still remain a part of this production. This is such a fun show and it has always been enjoyed by all of my students. I also think you will find that working together to put on a show with your friends (and the excitement of performing together) will be one of your most memorable experiences in middle school (it was for me!).

**Parents:** Thank you for supporting your child through this audition process. The reason I have decided to post the cast list online first, is so that the students have time to react and go through the necessary emotions in private. I know it is difficult to comfort an upset child. Please allow them time to go through these emotions. Some children may let things roll off their back, and some may be completely distraught. Please know that I had a very difficult decision in terms of casting roles, and I do not take my choices lightly.

**Students & Parents,** thank you for taking the time to read this information. I appreciate your support of the AMS Drama Club, and look forward to a great production!

~Mrs. Brosnan