

# MEN:

## Thinking about trying out for Productions Company?

### What is Productions Company?:

- It is primarily an acting group. Acting is simply being a human being on stage.
- If you can be a strong and authentic human being, you will be successful.
- Sometimes we use singing and dancing to assist in telling our stories, but it's alright if you don't have much experience in those areas. There have been many guys who have made the team who don't sing or dance.
- *We have a long history of using strong high school men from all sorts of backgrounds. All kinds of guys, especially athletic ones, have been very successful on the Productions Company. Hillcrest Theatre is known for taking men who have little to no experience in the area of acting and guiding them to lead roles, memorable experiences, and even college scholarships.*
- At first, most guys are not sure what to expect, or think "that's not really my thing" but once they give it a chance, they almost always end up loving it.



### Time Commitment and Other Requirements:

- Most of rehearsal is done in class (4<sup>th</sup> period – Arts credit).
- The *only after-school* rehearsals you have to be able to commit to are *3 stints of approximately 2.5 weeks*:
  - November 4-20, 2024
  - January 6-22, 2025
  - April 28-May 14, 2025
- Additionally, in September and October, there are rehearsals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30-5pm for the big school musical. However, these are negotiable if you are involved in a fall sport or something similar.
- *Mr. Long actually values having Productions Company kids involved in other HHS sports and activities. In the past, we have had Productions members on pretty much every HHS team or group. We make it work.*
- 2.5 GPA minimum.
- *No financial commitment or fees.*
- Must be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2024-25 school year.
- July 30-August 4, we will go to *New York City* to take workshops and see a bunch of Broadway shows. This is pretty much the *greatest trip ever* and obviously costs some money. However, it is **not required** and not everyone goes, so if you don't go, it's fine. We do offer scholarships for those who can't afford the trip.

# OK, So How Do I Try Out?

- On **Monday, April 22**, you will need to come to our group workshop from 2:30-5:30. We will do various team-building and movement exercises with everyone at the same time. Just come prepared in athletic clothes and be ready to move. We'll just be doing a workshop designed to see how comfortable and natural you are physically. Don't worry, most guys nail this part. It's fun.
  - On **Tuesday, April 23**, you will need to do 2 things:
    - Do some acting for us. You can either A) Memorize and act a 30-60 second monologue (recite lines from a play as one of the characters) from whatever play you want. Or B) Read a scene provided for you at the audition. You don't have to memorize anything for this, but will just read through a scene out loud with one of our actors on the spot.
    - Sing a 30-60 second song. You can sing to a track on your phone or have someone play the piano for you. If you don't have singing experience, that's fine. We just want to see you try. This song can be any song, although it would be best if it is from a musical.
- When you sing and do your monologue, just be a normal human being, and Mr. Long will love it.*
- Starting on Wednesday, April 17, sign up for an audition time to perform your 2 pieces at [www.HillcrestTheatre.com](http://www.HillcrestTheatre.com).
  - Bring a copy of your 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grade report. You can just print it off of skyward.



- Come chat with Mr. Long (room B116) or someone who is currently on Productions and they can help you find a monologue and a song that would be good for you.
- Get some friends to audition with you and it will seem easier.
- Check back at [www.HillcrestTheatre.com](http://www.HillcrestTheatre.com) for more information.