

#### PARENT NEWSLETTER #5

## RECAPPING WEEK 5 & LOOKING FORWARD TO WEEK 6

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WOW! Our 2024 "Page to Stage" program is off to an amazing start! Monday and Tuesday of this week, all campers participated in "auditions" and "callbacks" for our shows. Each camper gave it their all and showed off their singing, dancing, and acting skills! Casts were announced at the end of the day Tuesday. Of course, there were some tears (of disappointment AND joy) and, by Wednesday, campers got the opportunity to really dig into the script; it is INCREDIBLE how much they have accomplished in just a few short days! We are seeing entire ensemble numbers being blocked, sung, danced--these kids are incredible and hard-working. Thanks for trusting your camper to us this summer...and thanks for your partnership in ensuring that every camper understands how important they are to these ensemble shows!

We would like to challenge you to ask your camper the following questions at home:

What did you learn about theatre today? What did you learn about yourself?



We have had quite a few campers exhibit extraordinary hospitality, involvement, and gusto this week; our campers and staff are truly cultivating a sense of camaraderie this summer! These campers are proving to be good students, good performers, good people. Going above and beyond in helping others feel welcome exemplifies exactly what CTS stands for. Congratulations to the following campers this week:

Lilly B, Grace J, Nate M. Henry M, Lucy M, Rylee D, Marlie B, Mary L, Smokey W, Ari R, Adeena F, Madeline H, Stella P, Reese R, Andrea P, Bennett B, Chloe D, Jane L...and our camper of the week Ellie G! Thanks for your excellence and kindness, friends!

See the next page for a few photos from our time together this week!







## WEEK 8 FINAL SHOWS PERFORMANCE EVENINGS

ALL CAMPERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT 6:15PM ALL THREE NIGHTS PLEASE!

If campers will not be attending, please contact

CranbrookTheatreSchool@cranbrook.edu to let us know ASAP



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Additional parking across Lone Pine Rd at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Shuttle service available up to the entrance of the Greek Theatre.

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WEEKS 5-3: OPAGE TO STAGE, JULY 22 - JULY 26 JULY 29 - AUGUST 2 **AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 9** 

Full-length pieces from American Musical Theatre canon; final shows performances!

This year:



Disney THE LITTLE MERMIAD and Disney FINDING NEMO: KIDS are presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.MTIShows.com

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL: YOUTH EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

Weeks 6 and 7 will be full of rehearsals for our final shows and general camp fun! Wee have been busy diving into our scripts and learning all the scenes, songs, and dances!

### DIRECTOR'S

Exploring the themes and ideas in the wonderful stories of "The Little Mermaid," "Spongebob," and "Finding Nemo," coupled with our "And...Scene!" themes, we will all have the opportunity to ponder on a few things this summer: We can learn how love conquers all; being courageous and open to love is a good way to live life.

We can learn that the power of optimism can save the world...and that sometimes an unexpected hero can rise to the occasion.

We can learn about family, friendship, overcoming loss, and the importance of teamwork!

"I do not see how a world that makes such beautiful things could be that bad." "You should not have to give your voice to be heard."

"You never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory." "When life gets you down, do you know what you gotta do? Just keep swimming."

We hope you are continuing your journey with us for the entire 8 weeks of programming. We have so many exciting things in store!

We guarantee this summer will be an experience that you and your child will treasure for a long time to come.

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## 2024 SUMMER SEASON

Celebrating the 108th anniversary of the Greek Theatre and the 82nd season of Cranbrook Theatre School!



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#### FINAL SHOWS

Two shows performed each evening, in this order:

# TUESDAY 8/6 7:00p-7:30p 8 PINGER MUSICAL Youth odding







#### ALL PERFORMANCES: FREE ADMISSION

The Greek Theatre

@ St. Dunstan's
400 Lone Pine Rd
Bloomfield Hills Mi 48304
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In the event that a performance evening needs to be canceled because of inclement weather, all 3 shows are likely to perform on the other 2 evenings. We really want to be able to afford our campers the opportunity to show off all the work they have been up to for the past several weeks! The schedule will look like the following:
7:00pm-7:30pm: FINDING NEMO; 7:45pm-8:45pm: SPONGEBOB; 9:00pm-10:15pm: LITTLE MERMAID