

# NOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MUSICAL THEATER DEPARTMENT 2014-2015

Dear Nock community,

We are excited to announce auditions for this year's Musical Theater production. Students will be performing the 1964 Broadway classic **Fiddler on the Roof**.

With music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and a book by Joseph Stein, Fiddler on the Roof is set in the Pale of Imperial Russia in 1905. The story centers on Tevye, a humble milkman and father of five daughters who struggles to maintain his family and Jewish religious traditions while outside influences impress upon and change their lives. Tevye must cope also with the strong-willed actions of his three older daughters, each of whom chooses a husband moving them further away from the customs of their faith, and with the order of the Tsar ultimately evicting the Jews from their village of Anatevka.

The 1964 Broadway production was the first musical theatre run in history to surpass 3,000 performances and it remains Broadway's 16<sup>th</sup> longest-running show. The production was nominated for ten Tony Awards, winning nine, including Best Musical, Score, and Choreography. It has led to four Broadway revivals, a highly successful 1971 film adaptation, and a projected 2015 revival. The show features some of Broadway's most famous songs including the humorous and thoughtful "If I Were a Richman" the precocious "Matchmaker" and the rowdy foot-stomping, "To Life".

In addition to a student cast and stage crew, will we be looking for parent volunteers to help with set construction, props, hair/makeup, and more.

There will be a \$50 production fee for each cast member. These funds cover expenses such as set & costume materials, props, cast party, show marketing, etc. As it is the mission of the Theater Dept. to provide an opportunity for any student who is cast to participate in the show, please contact the director if there are any financial constraints.

**Show dates:**      Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00      Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
                            Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00              Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 (cast party to follow)

Rehearsals will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; students will not be needed at all rehearsals.

### AUDITION INFORMATION

Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 - 4:00 (sign up for a time outside the band room)

Students are to be prepare a **16-measure section from a musical theater song**. There will also be a short dance portion

Students interested in auditioning are encouraged to attend an informational meeting to be held on: **Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Nock auditorium.

### STUDENTS MUST HAVE PIANO MUSIC FOR THE ACCOMPANIST AT THE AUDITION

Sheet music can be purchased, downloaded, and printed from [Musicnotes.com](http://Musicnotes.com), some individual songs can be found at music stores such as **Music & Arts** in Danvers, **Guitar Center** in Danvers, or at **Amazon.com**, and **Sheetmusicplus.com**. Parents are encouraged to help students find a song appropriate to their vocal development.

If you need help finding a song, please see the Director or Assistant Director **at least 1 week before audition** to ensure enough time to find and prepare a song.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions at any time!

Brian Nickerson, *artistic and musical director*      Jamie Sokolowski, *assistant director/choreographer*