

## **Drama Club Nomination Guidelines - 2024 Addition:**

### **How to Nominate a student for a 2024-2025 Drama Officer Position**

**\*Nominations will be taken by EMAIL to Mrs. Palmer at [palmere@dexterschools.org](mailto:palmere@dexterschools.org) AND IN-PERSON in RM 71 at 3:00pm on Friday, May 10th.** Candidates must at least be of rising **sophomore** grade level or older for the 2024-2025 academic year. You may nominate someone or even *yourself*. Current officers are eligible to run for reelection or run for another office if they so choose. **Nominations made after 4pm on May 10<sup>th</sup> will NOT be accepted.**

**What if I cannot come to the nomination meeting, but I want to be an officer!** Potential nominees who cannot be in attendance must EMAIL Mrs. Palmer BEFORE THE MEETING to “Accept” or “Decline” their potential nomination(s). Basically, tell her what positions you will or will not accept. Also, please pay attention to your school email for Mrs. Palmer’s email inquiries.

**\*Positions up for nomination: IMPROV CAPTAINS (2), PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS (2), SERGEANT AT ARMS, THESPIAN LIAISON, TECHNICAL CREW LIAISON, and PIT LIAISON.**

## **Requirements of Nominees who “Accept” their Nomination:**

### **OFFICER LETTER - Nominees MUST type a one page, 12-point, single spaced statement to the Drama Club.**

In this statement, they must include the following:

- 1) Indicate who they are and what year (Sophomore, Junior, Senior) in school they will be in 2024-2025 next academic year
- 2) Tell us what they have done with the Drama Club thus far, including shows, roles, positions, and any other activities
- 3) Tell us why they would be BOTH an effective officer AND what he/she/they plan for the position

-This paper **MUST** be saved as a **PDF** and sent as an **ATTACHMENT** to be turned in to Mrs. Palmer to her email [palmere@dexterschools.org](mailto:palmere@dexterschools.org) by Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

- Please note, if you do not turn your statement on time, your name **will** be removed from the ballot.

**-You are allowed to run for more than one officer position. While it is not required, it is recommended that you write a letter for each nominated position. Most candidates leave the first part of their letter the introductory part the same and change the rest to fit the position.**

**-DUE Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in PDF ELECTRONIC FORMAT via email to Mrs. Palmer to her school email [palmere@dexterschools.org](mailto:palmere@dexterschools.org)**

**-These statements will be made available to the voting public on the Officer Elections Tab on the Dexter Drama website ONLY until ELECTION DAY Wednesday, MAY 15<sup>th</sup> 3-5:30**

### **OFFICER SPEECH-**

\*Elections will be held during the **Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> In-person meeting**. The elections will be in the same order as nominations IMPROV CAPTAINS (2), PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNICATIONS, SERGEANT AT ARMS, THESPIAN LIAISON, TECHNICAL CREW LIAISON, and PIT ORCHESTRA LIASON. Candidates will be allowed to give a **prepared 2-minute speech**. They will give their speeches individually, with the other candidates out of the room. Once each of the candidates has offered their speeches for a particular office, they will leave the room; the voters will be allowed to discuss the candidates and the office in general in a constructive fashion. If candidates are nominated for more than one position, then the first speech they give will be the full 2 minutes, and every position afterwards will be allocated **30 seconds**.

# Voting

## Prior to Voting

-**Practice good citizenship and be an informed voter!** Read the Officer Letters before the May 15<sup>th</sup> Election Day on the Dexter Drama website: [dexterdrama.com](http://dexterdrama.com) or [dexterdrama.org](http://dexterdrama.org). Click on the Elections tab.

## How to Vote

-**ON May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, an In-person meeting** will be conducted to hear the officer speeches and discuss the election process.

As a voter, you are encouraged to stay at the entire meeting as a courtesy to all of the candidates.

-**Following the In-person meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the ballot for Office Positions as well as other acting awards, tech awards, and pit awards will be released via Google Form via Blackboard.**

-**You must vote from your Dexter Schools email** so that we may ensure no voter fraud (i.e. voting more than once, non-Drama students voting, etc.). Don't stress! The only person with access to your answers will be Mrs. Palmer and she is not interested in checking who individual people voted for...she's got better things to do with her time. She is just going to make sure no voter fraud happened and then use the summary data to see who wins ☺

-**Any Drama cast, crew, pit, or improv member** who took part in a Drama event this year may vote. **This includes you Mill Creek students!** Have a say in who represents you!

-**Voters will be asked to RANK ORDER their choices** for each officer position in order of preference. This is just in case we have people running for multiple offices. For example: Maggie Needham runs for Vice President and Thespian Liaison. If she gets elected Vice President, then her name will be removed from Thespian Liaison consideration. Rather than voiding the ballots that had Maggie Needham as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice for Thespian Liaison, the votes will go to their 2<sup>nd</sup> choice on the ballots. This is the best way to stay organized and best hear the full voice of our membership.

-**Voting ends at 11:59pm (MIDNIGHT) May 15<sup>th</sup>**

## MORE Voting

-You will ALSO be voting on **STUDENT PERFORMANCE/TECHNICAL/PIT Awards** on that Tuesday, **May 15<sup>th</sup>** (Think mock Oscars with Best Actor in a Lead Role, Most Dedicated Technical Crew Member, and Most Dedicated Pit Member as examples). The actors on the ballots are nominated by the 2023/2024 directing staff. Other categories we will ask for you to type out your nominee's name (Think a traditional write-in ballot). Do your best with spelling and include their **FIRST AND LAST** name ☺

## After Voting

The Officer and Performance/Tech/Pit Award results will be revealed at our **Drama Gala** on **TUESDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!** This will be an **In-person event in the CPA.**

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**Date Summation:**

**I know! I know! A lot of dates to remember. Here are some reminders:**

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Officer Positions nominations!**

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm: All officer candidates must turn in Officer Letter(s) - a one page statement ELECTRONICALLY saved as PDF attachment ....DO NOT share a Google doc or attach a word file! Send PDF to Mrs. Palmer via her email at [palmere@dexterschools.org](mailto:palmere@dexterschools.org) You will unfortunately be removed from the ballot if you do not fulfill this requirement!**

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Election Day**

**-3:00pm In-person meeting followed by release of electronic ballot**

**-Voting closes at Midnight**

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>: Election results will be revealed at the Drama Awards GALA at 6pm in the CPA!**