

NOTICE #1, February 20th, 2013



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to your child! They have been selected to take part in one of this season's HMS Drama production entitled "Cybermare" and/or "Stuck". We were able to take on 39 young theatre thespians for these plays and we are very happy that your child has earned the privilege to participate.

Our play will be featured in this year's NBTA Provincial Drama Festival in Fredericton. This means that on Monday, May 6th we will be taking a two night trip to the provincial capital. We will return late Wednesday night (9pm). These three days will be very exciting and at the same time educational (shhh...don't tell the kids!). We will be taking in plays, workshops, ceremonies and we will be putting on our plays as well (they will be performed on Tuesday at (3:25-4:55 for Cybermare in the Daigle and 7:15-8:45 for Stuck in the Black Box). Costs that we need for you to cover include: \$20 student registration, \$20.00 x 2 for each night's accommodations at UNB, and \$64 dollars for 8 meals (which we will collect before leaving). The total for the 3 day venture will be approximately \$124. **The registration fee (\$20) is payable immediately as it is this fee that secures our spot in the performance schedule.** *We will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day basket to offset these costs and the cost of our t-shirts.* The school has agreed to pay busing (approx \$900), play registration, scripts, royalties and music and the many other miscellaneous costs.

Drama will be an important commitment for your child and they are expected to come to each practice. We will try to give them/you as much notice as possible when it comes to practice and pick-up times. **Please check the Harkins Middle School Website for our link and scheduled practice times.** Students are also expected to attend lunch time practices as needed. As we get closer to the festival, more rehearsal times will be added.

We are looking forward to another very successful year of drama and we are elated to have such a dynamic cast and crew. This will be an invaluable experience for your child and we thank you so very much for your support. We will be performing the plays for the public at home after the festival, for your viewing pleasure.

Printed on the back of this notice is a synopsis of our plays...they are sure to be instant hits!

Please call the school or send an email if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks again in advance for your interest and support!

Yours in drama,

Ms Barrieau & Ms Beers

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Harkins Middle School Drama Club *presents...*

CYBER-MARE

Today's kids wander a vast new frontier with much uncharted territory: Cyberspace. From the comfort of their own homes, they open the door to hidden dangers every time they enter a chat room, post a photo online or even send an email. In a series of true-to-life vignettes, *Cyber-mare* explores various scenarios that can lead to trouble on the Internet. Whether it's a cyber-bully assuming a victim's identity through their email address, someone mass-forwarding an embarrassing picture or a stalker posing as a peer, each vignette is a wake-up call that will give everyone something to think about next time they log on or send a text message. In its premiere production, *Cyber-mare* received rave reviews from 1,800 middle and high school students who found it pertinent and informative without talking down to them. Because the play tackles heavy topics and cites important statistics, it lightens the mood with Comic Relief, a down-to-earth character whose intermittent jokes and playful audience interaction can be tailored to your specific needs. Without being preachy, the play assumes young people are already computer-savvy and knowledgeable while revealing crucial lessons to young people about the potential dangers and consequences of what they do and say online.

STUCK



The pressure is on. With the deadline for her make-up assignment looming, Mary is at a complete loss for inspiration. She's tried everything from hitting her head to staring into space with no luck. Her friends and classmates try to help with a variety of strategies ranging from practical to outrageously cosmic. In the end, will Mary just stay stuck, or is it possible that being stuck is actually the solution?



HARKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB'S ANNUAL:
MOTHER'S DAY BASKET

It's time for our annual fundraiser! With the monies raised last year, we were able to purchase matching t-shirts for the Drama Club for our trip to the NBTA Provincial Drama Festival.

This year, we would like to again raise funds by means of a Mother's Day Basket. We are asking each Drama student to bring one **new** item to help fill the basket. It could be anything from a gift certificate, soaps, towels, slippers, wrapped candy; anything under the theme of Mother's Day!

We will be asking students to sell tickets on the basket. Of the money YOU raise, \$15 will go towards your t-shirt. Any other money raised will go towards your \$124 Drama fee. Ms Barrieau will be handling all monies brought in.

Please have basket items donated by **Thursday, April 12th** , so we may begin making the basket. Tickets will be sent home next week. We are lucky to have such a caring group of parents and students and we appreciate your support!

Ms Barrieau & Ms Beers





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