



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to your child! They have been selected to take part in this season's MAA Drama production of "Check Please", "Check Please- Take 2" and the "MAA Opening Acts". We were able to take on 42 young thespians for this play 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 Tuesday, May 7th we will be taking an over-night trip to the provincial capital. We will return late Wednesday night (9pm). These two days will be very exciting and at the same time educational (shhh...don't tell the actors! 😊). We will be taking in plays, workshops, award ceremonies and we will be performing our own plays as well. We are hoping to perform in the Black Box Theatre, on Tuesday of the Festival.

Visit <http://www.nbdramafest.com/> for details.

Approximate costs that we need for you to cover include: (Note: This is based on previous years- I will update as soon as new numbers are made available)

- \$20 student registration;
- \$30 for accommodations at STU;
- \$60 dollars for 5 meals (which we will collect before leaving & distribute \$12 at each meal);
- \$20 T-shirt

The total for the 3-day venture will be **\$130**. This does not include spending \$ and extra money for snacks or larger meals etc.

Please note: We will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day basket to offset these costs. Students can sell tickets up to and beyond the required \$130 for Drama Fest. See the back of this notice.

The school has agreed to pay busing (approx \$1000), play registration, scripts, royalties, music, supply teachers and many other miscellaneous costs. **We will also need your help finding a costume for your child's character.**

Drama will be an important commitment for your child, and they are expected to come to each rehearsal. We will try to give them/you as much notice as possible when it comes to practice and pick-up times. **Please check the MAA Website for our link and scheduled rehearsal times, <http://maa.nbed.nb.ca/clubs/maa-drama-club-6-8>.** 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 play...it is sure to be an instant hit!

Please call the school or send an email if you have any questions or concerns.

FYI: There will be a final parent notice going home the week before we leave for festival.

Thanks again in advance for your interest and support,

Yours in drama,

Ms Barrieau

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Ms Campbell

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The Max Aitken Academy Middle School Drama Club presents...



Dating can be hard. Especially when your date happens to be a raging kleptomaniac, or your grandmother's bridge partner, or a mime. *Check Please* follows a series of blind dinner dates that couldn't get any worse -- until they do. Could there possibly be a light at the end of the tunnel?



MAX AITKEN ACADEMY DRAMA CLUB'S ANNUAL:
MOTHER'S DAY BASKET

It is time for our annual fundraiser! With the monies raised last year, many students were able to off-set most or even all of their expenses 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 can 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. The money YOU raise will go towards YOUR \$130 Drama fee. Any money raised above \$130 will go towards our general group costs for festival. **Ms Barrieau** will be handling all monies brought in.

Please have basket items donated by **Friday, March 29th**, so we may begin promoting and making the basket. Tickets will be sent home before then.

We are lucky to have such a caring group of parents and students and we appreciate your support!



Drama Festival 2024- Student Contract & Parental Consent Form

I, _____ agree to positively represent Max Aitken Academy at this year’s NBTA Drama Festival. I understand that all regular school rules apply in Fredericton and drama festival is an extension of school. I will be extra alert, attentive and aware of my surroundings while away. I will be respectful of the people around me and I agree to be cooperative and comply with the guidelines/directions set forth by Ms Barrieau and Ms Campbell.

Other important expectations:

- Attendance at Festival: Students are expected to view plays or participate in workshops at all times, as directed by Ms Barrieau and Ms Campbell.
- Keys: STU charges a fee for lost keys (\$25 per key). Parents/students will be responsible for this cost if they lose their keys. Bringing a lanyard may be helpful.
- Quiet in the dorms: Sleep times will be well defined by Ms Barrieau and Ms Campbell. Please respect these times and think about others. With a jam-packed schedule, we will all need our precious rest time.
- Medication: Teachers cannot dispense medication, so if you are prone to headaches or bellyaches, bring the appropriate medication (advil, tums etc...)
- Cafeteria clean-up is essential and courteous. Please look after your own messes.

Drama 2024- Important Dates

- *Basket Item due: **Friday, March 29th**
- *First Dress Rehearsal: **Sunday, April 28th: 1-4pm**
- *ALL FEES \$130 total and all tickets due **Friday, May 3rd**
- *Final Dress Rehearsal: **Sunday, May 5th, 1-4pm**
- *Drama Festival: **Tuesday May 7th - Wednesday, May 8th**



-----Please detach and return-----



I give permission for my child _____ (child’s name) to travel to the NBTA Provincial Drama Festival, held May 7th and 8th on St Thomas University Campus in Fredericton, NB. I have also read, understand and agree with the attached parent notices, including the “Student Contract & Parental Consent Form” regarding the festival.

(See MAA website for all notices: <http://maa.nbed.nb.ca/clubs/maa-drama-club-6-8>)

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Emergency Contact 1: _____

Emergency Contact 2: _____

Allergies, Medication, Other important information: _____