



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Mulan Jr. Auditions



Clock wise from top left: First-time director, Reica Ramirez (left), guides elementary students through "I'll Make a Man", one of the songs used in auditions for the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's upcoming production of Disney's Mulan Jr. Middle school and Freshman sing "I'll Make a Man" during auditions for the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's upcoming production of Disney's Mulan Jr. (From left to right: Brandee Hunter, Teresita Schweiger, William Año, Shaina Lee, and Sinahi Cepeda. Reica Ramirez (right), and stage manager Quincy Chinen, review notes during auditions for the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's upcoming production of Disney's Mulan Jr. The student playbook for Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's upcoming production of Disney's Mulan Jr.

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club kicked off its 2017-2018 performance season with auditions for its next big musical, *Disney's Mulan Jr.* Held this past week, the auditions brought in the largest group of aspiring dramatists ever in the school's history, with over 100 students from grades 1 through 9 auditioning.

"I am overwhelmed by the interest in the show," said first-time director, Reica Ramirez. Ramirez was the assistant director for the Theatre Club's last major production, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, which was a huge hit last year with over 1000 audience members in attendance for two sold-out shows. Aware of that show's success, Ramirez said, "I didn't think we could top that, but this [audition turn-out] just proves that more and more people want to be a part of our shows!"

Based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film and the story, "Fa Mulan" by Robert D. San Souci, *Disney's Mulan Jr.* tells the story of Mulan as she saves her elderly father from fighting for the emperor by disguising herself as a male soldier to fight in his place. With her dragon sidekick, Mushu, and a motley band of misfit soldiers, Mulan discovers herself as she grows as a soldier and a heroine along the way. Since the original film's release in 1998, Mulan has been a favorite of kids and adults alike who appreciate the story's message of empowerment and courage.

When asked about why she agreed to take the lead as director for this show, Ramirez said,

"Mulan's one of my favorite Disney characters, and one of the very few characters that emphasizes strength from within." She added, "Especially since this is a Junior show, I hope it inspires these young actors to find their strength, because it inspires me to find my own strength."

Disney's Mulan Jr. will be the Theatre Club's 46th production since the club was started in 1996. Over the years, the club has featured a wide variety of productions, including classics by William Shakespeare, a number of Disney musicals, several social issue plays, and numerous short and feature-length films. The club's most recent production, the short film "We Drank Our Tears: Francisco Babauta's Story", will be featured as an award finalist in the Guam International Film Festival later this month.

Disney's Mulan Jr. will be performed on December 1 and 2. The show features music and lyrics by David Zippel, Jeanine Tesori, Stephen Schwartz, Matthew Wilder, and Alexa Junge. Music for the show was adapted and arranged, with additional music and lyrics provided, by Bryan Louiselle. The show's book was adapted and additional lyrics provided by Patricia Cotter. The Mount Carmel School Theatre Club production of *Disney's Mulan Jr.* will be presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

Is My Child Too Sick for School?

from parenting.com



Last night your toddler was running a slight temperature and actually asked to go to bed—not her usual MO. By morning she's fever-free, scarfing down her scrambled eggs and chasing the dog around the backyard. You're conflicted: Should you keep her home from daycare—upending your finely tuned schedule—or send her off as usual?

Sometimes a child's symptoms (say, Technicolor vomit or a cough like a barking seal) make the decision a no-brainer. Other times, not so much. To alleviate that early-A.M. angst, we consulted several top pediatricians to help you figure out when your child (and you!) should get the green light to carry on as usual.

Fever—*Good to go:* Your child is good to go if he's over 4 months old, has a temperature below 100.4°F, is receptive to drinking fluids and doesn't appear to have had a personality transplant. *Too sick:* If your baby is 4 months old or younger, call the doctor at the slightest indication of fever (anything above 98.6°F) or a sudden change in behavior; daycare is out. Older children should stay home if their temps rise above 100.4°F. A feverish child is not only considered contagious, but he's also probably not feeling well enough to learn or participate. Keep him home until he's been fever-free for 24 hours and is feeling like his usual self.

Vomiting—*Good to go:* She's heaved only once in 24 hours. It's not likely she has an infection, nor is she at risk for dehydration. Sometimes kids throw up because mucus left over from a cold has drained, in which case it's also not worthy of a sick day. *Too sick:* If your child has vomited two or more times in 24 hours, she's benched. Watch for signs of dehydration as well: She's peeing less than usual and her urine is dark yellow; she doesn't produce tears when she cries; or there are no bubbles between her lips and her gums. To ward off dehydration, offer small amounts of fluid frequently, increasing the amount as tolerated. One more thing: Don't automatically send your child back once the vomiting stops. If she's not markedly better after a few days, call the doctor.

Red eyes—*Good to go:* When the white part of the child's eye is only slightly pink and the discharge is clear and watery, he's likely got a school-safe allergy. *Too sick:* His eye is stuck shut, bright red, and/or oozing yellow or green discharge. These

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Announcements

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Mount Carmel School will be collecting small change throughout next week and dedicate next Friday's mass collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. To make a contribution, you can give small change to your child's homeroom teacher, or prepare a contribution to be placed in the collection basket at Friday's mass.

2016-2017 Yearbooks

Yearbooks for last school year are now available. With limited quantities, don't miss this chance to relive the memories from last year as you build new ones this year. \$50 per yearbook, available in the Business Office.

VOX Knights Seminar

All 6th through 12th grade members of VOX Knights must attend a mandatory VOX Knights Seminar on Wednesday, September 13, from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Room A-201 (Mr. G's classroom). All students that intend to compete in National Speech and Debate Association, National Junior Speech and Debate Association, Mock Trial, or International Thespian Society must participate. For more information, or to get a permission slip, see VOX Knights President Jeff Melchor.

Cross Country

Can you run? Can you run far? Then run as part of Mount Carmel School's Cross Country Team. Here are the dates for the season: Sat. 9/23 at 4:00 pm at airport field; Sat. 10/7 at 4:00 pm at airport field; Fri-Sat 10/10-10/21, Asia Pacific Invitational in Guam; Sat. 10/28 at 4:00 pm at airport field; and Finals on Sat. 11/11 at 7:00 am at Lau Lau Golf Resort. Age groups are 7 Under boys/girls, 9 U boys/girls, 11 U boys/girls, 13 U boys/girls, 15 U boys/girls, and 18u boys/girls. To sign or up for more information, see Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Blanco, or Mr. G.

Knights Herald

If you would like to subscribe to the Knights Herald (daily bulletin) email distribution list, feel free to email Mr. G at galvin.deleonguerrero@gmail.com.

ESLR of the Week

#5. Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of diverse world-wide community.

Too Sick?

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symptoms all indicate the highly contagious bacterial form of pinkeye (conjunctivitis), and the kiddo should stay put until he's been on antibiotics for 24 hours or until the goopiness dries up.

Diarrhea—*Good to go:* Your child's stools are only slightly loose and she's acting normally. Some kids develop "toddler's diarrhea," triggered by a juice OD; as long as the poop isn't excessive, the child has the all-clear. *Too sick:* Kids who have the runs more than three times a day and/or have poop so watery it leaks out of the diaper need to stay put. They likely have an infection that can spread. If you see blood or mucus in the stool, call the doctor; she may want to do a culture. As with vomiting, watch for signs of dehydration and follow the same prevention advice.

Sore throat—*Good to go:* A sore throat accompanied by a runny nose is often just due to simple irritation from the draining mucus; send him off as long as he's fever-free. *Too sick:* If the achy throat is accompanied by swollen glands, a fever, headache or stomachache, bring him to the doctor for a strep test, especially if he's 3 or older (the bacterial infection is unusual in younger kids). Children with strep should be on antibiotics for at least a full day before mixing in with the class.

Stomachache—*Good to go:* If this is your child's only symptom and she's active, send her off. It could signal constipation or even a case of nerves (in which case, a hug will go far). *Too sick:* Any stomachache associated with vomiting, diarrhea, fever or no interest in play warrants a trip to the M.D. Sharp stomach pain and a rigid belly can be signs of severe constipation, appendicitis, or a bowel obstruction.

Colds—*Good to go:* If your child is fever-free and isn't hacking up a storm, he's a go. After all, if children with snotty noses were excluded, schools would be empty! *Too sick:* Junior is staying home if he has a persistent, phlegmy cough and seems cranky or lethargic. He's also couch-bound if his cold symptoms are accompanied by a fever or wheezing.

All the above info is pediatrician-approved by: Tanya Remer Altmann, M.D., author of Mommy Calls; Laura Jana, M.D., a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics and owner of the Primrose School of Legacy, an educational childcare center in Omaha, NE; and Lorry Glenn Rubin, M.D., chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Schneider Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park, NY.

In the Future

Junior 2017 Homecoming

TONIGHT, 6:00–10:00 pm
(8:30 curfew for middle school students)
Maturana Building • \$8.00 admission
Open to 7th–12th grade MCS students
OUTSIDERS NOT ALLOWED
Students must have a signed permission slip. Permission slips available in the main office.

Disney's Mulan Jr. First Rehearsal

TOMORROW, Saturday, September 9
10:00–12:00, Room A-201 (Mr. G's Classroom)

Junior Store

Monday, September 11

Senior Fried Oreo Stand

Thursday, September 14

8th Grade Savory Waffles

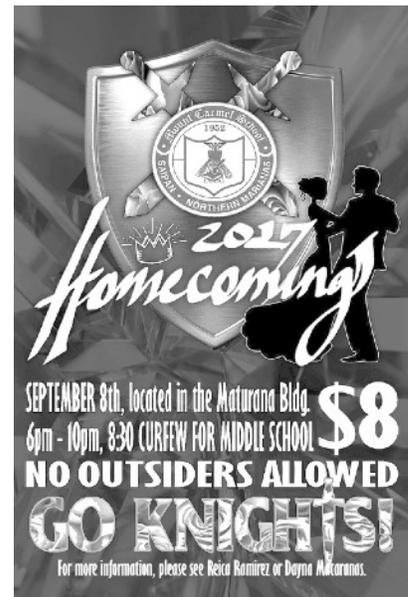
Friday, September 15

Senior Movie Night

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Junior School Clean-Up

Saturday, September 16



PTO Corner

Schedule of Meetings

October 4
Parent Representatives Meeting
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 8
Election of Officers
5:30 pm • Faculty Lounge

November 14
Turkey Trot

All parents are encouraged and welcome to join us for these important meetings. For more information, contact PTO President, Luis Camacho, at 287-9753.