



## AFTER SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRESHMEN

New Trier's Performing Arts Division supports students in a range of dance, debate, media, music, and theatre programs outside of the school day. Freshmen can explore their interests in a wide range of creative and collaborative organizations, clubs, plays and musicals.

### Performing Arts Clubs

#### **Improv: No Questions Asked**

If you love "Second City" and sketch comedy, you'll love learning, practicing and perfecting your improvisational skills with these groups! NQA is New Trier's premiere after-school improv club and troupe, which performs throughout the year and is open to all students. This short-form improvisation group welcomes students who want to play improv games, meet other creative students, and build skills that lead to performance.

#### **Northfield Dance Ensemble**

Students in this innovative dance company practice dance techniques, choreograph original works and rehearse for Dance Days, the Northfield Dance Ensemble Showcase and other school-wide performances. All styles of dance may be a part of the performance. All dancers are welcome to join – freshmen through seniors and beginners through advanced.

#### **Pep Band**

Any student who currently plays a band instrument, bass, or electric guitar is welcome! Pep Band is a great way to learn a lot of new tunes and have a great time showing your school spirit with your fellow musicians at home football games, pep rallies, and basketball games.

#### **Speech and Debate**

This is a group for those students who are passionate about specific issues, who are interested in performing poetry or prose, or who can think quickly "on the fly." Members of the team have the opportunity to develop their skills and participate in local and national interscholastic competitions. Students can also perform in interpretive, public address, and limited preparation events.



## Plays and Musicals: Cast and Crew

New Trier productions include dramas, comedies, musicals, and a student variety show. There are many ways for students to participate. All students are encouraged to get involved regardless of previous performing arts experience. Students who are involved as a cast or crew member should expect to make a commitment for 6 to 8 weeks on weekdays from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All materials are posted on the Performing Arts Web Page approximately two weeks prior to the auditions.

All student performers must successfully participate in a Crew Apprentice Program (CAP) production either before or within one calendar year after being cast in a production for the first time. All students are encouraged to be part of multiple stage crew experiences but do not need to participate in the CAP program more than once in their four years at New Trier.

### Lagniappe-Potpourri (Student Variety Show)

Auditions for Sophomore-Seniors only  
Crew begins in August  
Performance Dates in September

### Freshman-Sophomore Musical Workshop

Auditions & Crew begin in October  
Performance dates in December

### Drama or Comedy (Fall/Winter)

Auditions & Crew begin in October  
Performance dates: December

### Kinesis Dance Concert

Auditions: Sophomores - Seniors only  
Crew begins in December  
Performance dates in January

### Freshman-Sophomore Play

Auditions & Crew begin in January  
Performance dates in March

### Choir-Opera Musical

Auditions for Junior and Seniors only  
Crew begins in January  
Performance dates in March

### Directing Projects Showcase

Auditions in January  
Performance dates in May

### Comedy or Drama (Spring)

Auditions & Crew begin in March  
Performance dates in May

Please visit the Performing Arts webpage for more information!

<http://www.newtrier.k12.il.us/PerformingArts/>