**DRAMA FRIENDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Tech Week Meals:** Tech Week is the week just before the opening night of the performance. It is an important and exciting time when the production really comes together. Cast and Crew are expected to stay after school every night during Tech Week to practice and set the stage ensuring everything is ready for opening night. Drama Friends prepare and serve simple meals to the students each night at 5:00pm throughout Tech Week. Under the guidance of the Tech Week Meal Coordinator, duties include setting up a salad bar and fruit, heating up the entrée, setting out desserts, serving the food and cleaning up. Preparation for the meal starts at 4:30pm and is completed by 6:00pm. A team of about 3-4 people is needed each night. Helping serve a meal to hungry, energetic kids is always entertaining!

**Drama Grams/Candy Grams:** Drama/Candy Grams are notes and well wishes that parents, friends and relatives can send back stage to the actors before, during and after the performance - similar to a telegram. Drama Friends is responsible for collecting the purchased Drama/Candy Grams and distributing them back stage to the actors. Delivering happy thoughts to nervous kids…..it’s a great thing!

**Concessions:** Before, during and after the play, Drama Friends sells light refreshments at the concessions table (popcorn, rice krispy treats, candy bars, water, etc.). Each item is sold for $1.00 so you don’t have to worry about the math being complicated.  Three to four people are generally needed to sell concessions at each performance.

**Publicity:** Getting the word out to churches, schools and other organizations about the latest MLHS production is key! Flyers and other informational materials need to be created and distributed to various contacts throughout the area. Creative people with attention to detail as well as those who are willing to disburse flyers and ticket order forms around town are always needed.

**The Program:** A play bill needs to be created for each production. Creative detail oriented people with word processing skills are appreciated to put together this lasting memory of the play.

**Dessert Theater:** The winter production is generally at the beginning of February and is presented as a dessert theater experience. Desserts are served to patrons in the school cafeteria before the Friday and Saturday performances. Drama Friends and National Honor Society students are needed to plate the desserts in the school kitchen. Decorators are also needed to help bring the plays theme to life in the dining hall.

**Ticket Sales:** Do you have the gift of hospitality? Drama Friends are always looking for a few smiling faces to greet guests and sell tickets at the entry table in the lobby approximately 45 minutes prior to each performance.

**Bio Boards:** Are you a scrapper? For each play, a Biography Board (poster board) is put together highlighting all of the students involved in the production. Pictures, names and short descriptions of the cast and crew are displayed on the Bio Board positioned near the entrance to the play.

**Donations:** Donations for concessions are needed for every play. Cases of water, pans of homemade rice krispy treats, popcorn, candy bars and fruit (during the spring musical only) are always needed. Dessert donations for Tech Week Meals are also needed.

**Misc:** In the weeks leading up to opening night, throughout Tech Week and during the performance weekend, there are always last minute jobs that come up. Any and all help is always appreciated! As the old adage says, “Many hands make light work.”