**St. James Regional Catholic School**

**Theater Group Contract**

St. James Regional Catholic School students, parents and volunteers endeavor to provide an opportunity to bring music and drama to our school and community. The Theater group works to accomplish a project that highlights the talents of the students. So that our efforts may proceed in a professional and positive manner, a commitment pledge is offered to define expectations and outline basic guidelines. All will be held accountable to the guidelines offered so that EVERYONE may enjoy a pleasant and productive learning experience and have fun.

**St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group Commitment**

1. RESPECT will be shown to all students, parents and volunteers.
2. TEAM WORK – everyone involved must work together to make this production happen.
3. 100% COMMITMENT – if you are unable to make a rehearsal you must notify us in advance.
4. Schoolwork receives FIRST PRIORITY. Every attempt should be made prior to rehearsal to complete necessary schoolwork.
5. BE PREPARED – Be on time for rehearsals and performances. Come to rehearsal or performance with a positive attitude and willingness to work hard. Memorize all lines, songs and dances assigned to you. Provide certain costuming items as needed.
6. INAPPROPRIATE behavior will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal.
   1. Examples of inappropriate behavior may include disrespect to directors, chaperones, or adult volunteers (i.e. talking back, not following instructions, use of technology during rehearsal); foul language; fighting; disregard for property or destruction of property; smoking; use of inappropriate substances and leaving the rehearsal areas.
   2. Consequences of inappropriate behavior: 1st offence – warning to child (disruptive member will be addressed by 2 adults in attendance); 2nd offence – conference with parent/guardian; 3rd offence – dismissal from play.
7. ATTENDANCE at all rehearsals and performances is required. Remember this is a commitment and will require your attendance and effort. Any information regarding attendance conflicts must be reported in advance.
   1. If the student is absent from school on the same day as a scheduled rehearsal, the student CANNOT attend rehearsal.
8. INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS – do your best to promote the show and encourage family and friends to attend the performances.
9. COMMUNICATE any questions, problems, concerns or ideas via email (stjamesplay@yahoo.com)
10. HAVE FUN!

As a member of the St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group, you can EXPECT the following:

1. The Directors and Staff will attend rehearsals and performances as required.
2. The Directors and Staff will come to rehearsals and performances with a positive attitude and ready to work
3. The Directors and Staff will come prepared with scenes blocked, numbers, stages and music ready to learn.
4. Every effort will be made to provide outfits for this production that will enhance the quality.
5. The Directors and Staff will notify you in a timely fashion of any changes or cancellations in the rehearsal schedule.
6. You will have a lot of fun and learn about music and drama.
7. You will have an amazing show to remember!

**Attendance Commitment**

As the parent or legal guardian of the child named below, I am responsible for my child’s commitment to St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group. I recognize the commitment to this program as the same commitment to any other school activity or sports activity.

I acknowledge that my child’s participation and presence is requested at all of the practices. I recognize that only certain events qualify for exceptions under the director’s discretion. I also note that as part of my registration, I have had the opportunity to notify the staff of conflicting activities (school, extra curricular, or family conflicts). I acknowledge that when an event arises, I will contact the staff in a timely manner that my child will be missing in attendance.

I understand and have had the opportunity to ask any questions about St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group three-miss policy. Each cast member is allowed up to three excused absences (under the director’s discretion). Two late arrivals and/or early dismissals (or any combination of the two) will be considered one absence. Once a cast member has four unexcused absences, they will not be permitted to return to the production and may not perform in the show. Please email [stjamesplay@yahoo.com](mailto:stjamesplay@yahoo.com) if your child will miss practice. Please give as much notice as possible.

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I recognize that I am solely responsible for my child’s attendance at all practices and will drop off and pick up my child at the allocated times per the rehearsal schedule. By signing this commitment, I am voluntarily agreeing that I will place St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group and its required practices and activities as a critical responsibility of my child.

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As a member of the St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group, I understand and will abide by this contract.

Student signature:

Date:

As the parents/guardians of the member of the St. James Regional Catholic School Theater Group, we understand and will have our child abide by this contract

Parent/guardian Signature:

Date:

**St. James, Pray for Us**

**St. Genesius, Patron Saint of Theater, guide and protect us in our pledge to perform our works for the glory of God!**