



## Edison Drama Boosters

PO Box 261, Milan, OH 44846

**No other area drama club provides students with so many opportunities.**

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### Why Support the Drama Club? Here is what our graduates have to say.

*In her speech to the EHS graduating class of 2022, Senior Alivia Rakosky recounted the fear she faced in her first EHS Drama Club production her sophomore year.*

*"I had been dragged into a production of Fairy Tale: Law and Order and was mortified to step on stage to perform my tiny scene. But as I stood there in the dark wings of the stage with my heart in my throat, I told myself that I had to do it...So I did. And today I can proudly stand here and say that drama club and the arts have been the best thing that has ever happened to me. I took the leap of faith and gained something in my life that has forever impacted the person I am."*

*In addition to preparing her to step outside her comfort zone, Alivia, who now attends The University of Akron in preparation for a career in mortuary sciences, credits her drama club experience for providing an opportunity for her to:*

- *Gain self confidence*
- *Discover her own abilities*
- *Learn the importance of preparation and practice*
- *Accept responsibility for her own success*
- *Collaborate with others on a challenging project*
- *Strengthen her organization skills*
- *Persist when things don't go according to plan*

***The most important thing I learned in Drama Club was to respect others.***

Evan Hoffman, Musician,  
EHS Class of 2019

***Drama Club gave me a self-confidence I had never experienced that I continue to carry with me to this day. I can attribute much of my professional success in commercial banking to my ability to communicate with most anyone at any level of education or experience.***

Dennis Boose,  
Vice President & Manager of the Business  
Banking Division of Dollar Bank.  
EHS class of 1973

***Every child needs that one thing that makes them come to school. For some it is athletics, others music. For me, it was theatre. I still have friends in my life that I made in the back wings of the theatre at Edison high school and I think I have used those experiences to bring that joy to thousands of kids during my career.***

Dr. Ann Spurrier, Grants Manager for the  
East Cleveland City School District  
EHS class of 1987 Valedictorian

***Drama club helped me develop confidence in what it meant to be me and a human at a critical time of transition before adulthood. It also gave me insight in to who I was not. It provided a way to explore what it meant to be human from an experience other than my own.***

Rev. Noah Sutterich  
Deacon-in Charge,  
All Saints Episcopal Church, Parma OH  
EHS Class of 2007

**The Edison Drama Club will open its 2022-2023 season** with a single performance of selections from *Edison Lite* on Saturday October 22 as part of the Edison Community Celebration honoring the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Edison Birthplace Museum and the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Thomas Edison’s birth. The celebration will take place in the Milan Town Hall from 1 to 3 and is open to the public. Admission is free.

On November 10-12 at 7:30 we will present *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his Friends*, which tells the story of Beatrix Potter, a farmer, naturalist and the author of many beloved children’s stories.

The Drama Club will wrap up its season with *Annie* from Thursday March 9 through Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 and Sunday, March at 2:00.

**The Edison Drama Boosters:**

- **provide financial assistance for our drama program and capital improvements to our facility**
- **provide financial assistance for students and chaperones attending state and area and international Thespian conferences**
- **assist with service projects and student activities**
  
- **Your support is especially important to the drama program this year.**
  - Although we were able to present 10 performances of three shows in 2021-2022, our audience sizes and the resulting ticket revenue have not returned to pre-COVID levels. As a result finances for the Drama Club remain tight.

**Please help us continue to produce quality educational theater by making a financial contribution. Complete the form below and return the form to Edison Drama Boosters, PO Box 261, Milan, OH 44846.** Checks may be made payable to Edison Drama Boosters. The names of all contributors received by October 27 will be listed in the programs for both *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his Friends* and *Annie*.

Name, as you would like it listed in the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Angel (\$10)	Archangel (\$25)	Producer (\$50) Includes 2 tickets/show*
Patron (\$100) Includes 4 tickets/show*	Leading Patron (\$150) Includes 5 tickets/show*	Corporate Sponsors and Benefactors (\$250) Includes 6 tickets per show*

\*Tickets are subject to availability due to our limited seating capacity.

**Tickets for *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and his Friends* will be general admission and available at the door 30 minutes prior to the performance.**