



# 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.

*The most important thing I learned in Drama Club was to respect others and how to work with a team to bring a project together, one of the most important skills anyone can learn.*

Evan Hoffman, Musician,  
EHS Class of 2019

*Working backstage in drama club showed me that I enjoy working with my hands, and that I am fascinated by talented tradesmen just doing what they do best.*

Ian Maag  
EHS Class of 2021

*(Participating in drama) gave me confidence to apply myself towards the unimaginable challenges of two combat tours in the Army and in life even when it feels like things are falling apart. We created, explored and turned imagination into reality together and sometimes a little painfully. I didn't appreciate those experiences at the time for it was just fun then.*

Brad Gray, US Army, Fort Rucker AL  
EHS class of 1999

*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

*Theatre gave me so much! Not only could I put myself in another's shoes, but in their lives. It led me to study theatre in NYC, run the drama and theatre program at Elyria High School for the 5 years, AND support our theatre programs in every school I have been at for the last 27 years. I was instrumental in bringing the CTE (career tech ed) Theatre Arts program to Shaker Heights High school along with the department chair there so a whole new generation of kids can enjoy and thrive in theatre.*

*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 taught me:

- Leadership Skills
- Time Management
- Team Work
- Improved Communication Skills
- Problem Solving Skills

Cody Noon  
Research and Development Technician  
ThorWorks Industries  
EHS Class of 2009

*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 2021-2022 season** with a single performance on Saturday September 11 with a 7:30 performance of *With Their Eyes: the view from a high school at ground zero* in commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9.11 attacks.

November 11-13 we will present *The Spirit of Christmas or the Story of Ernestina Scrooge* which tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge’s great, great granddaughter who has moved to America and follows in Scrooge’s miserly footsteps.

We will present a middle school one act January 21 and 22 and are still in the process of selecting our musical which will be presented March 10-13<sup>th</sup>.

**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 once they resume in-person**
- **assist with service projects and student activities**
  
- **Your support is especially important to the drama program this year.**
  - Cancellation of the Melon and Basket festivals in 2020 resulted in the loss of income from our largest fundraisers for the year.
  - The purchase of 7 new wireless microphones in 2020, made necessary by a change in FCC regulations, cost the Edison Drama Boosters more than \$2000.
  - Although we were able to present 10 performances of three shows in 2020-2021, our audience sizes and the resulting ticket revenue were severely limited due to COVID 19 restrictions. As a result finances for the Drama Club are tighter than they have been for several years.

**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 23 will be printed in the program for *The Christmas Spirit*.

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.

**Reservations** for our fall show will open to the general public on Monday, November 1 To make a reservation, phone 419-499-4652 ex 1080.