

AACS Shakespeareans



A scene from last year's play, *The Tempest*.

Special events for Shakespeareans

- December 15th – Monologue Contest
- March 12 – Trip to see *Macbeth* at the Egg
- May 17-18 – Performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Welcome to the AACS Shakespeare Club!

The AACS Shakespeare Club is a group of students and teachers who love Shakespeare, acting, drama and fun. The group is in their fourth year now, and it just keeps getting better.

Scholars from grades 5-8 meet during the week at lunchtime to rehearse, read, and discuss a play by William Shakespeare.

Last year's Shakespeareans went to see two plays, *Hamlet* and

A Midsummer Night's Dream. They participated in the Monologue contest, and created a fantastic performance of the last play Shakespeare wrote, *The Tempest*.

This year we will be performing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This is a wonderful play with lots of action, drama, and humor. Students were inspired to choose this play last year after enjoying the performance at Albany Civic Theater.

O, when she's angry,
she is keen and shrewd!
She was a vixen when
she went to school;
And though she be but
little, she is fierce.

- *A Midsummer
Night's Dream*

How to get started

Deciding to become a Shakespearean is a big commitment. Shakespeareans must memorize a speech from one of Shakespeare's plays and perform it before an audience of parents, scholars, and faculty. They must also take a part in the play and memorize the lines for that part.

Shakespeareans also commit to being present at Saturday rehearsals from 9 am to 11 am. The schedule for these rehearsals will be sent home in October. We

have Saturday rehearsals because Shakespeareans come from every grade level, and there is no period during the day when scholars from every class are available to rehearse. Saturday rehearsals are critical to the success of the performance.

If you and your scholar feel that you can make this commitment, simply sign the Shakespeare contract and return it to Ms. Lamson. Try-outs are coming in the third week of September, so don't delay!





Scholars in the library doing a dramatic reading.

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Costs and Transportation

There is no initial cost for the Shakespeare Club. We do ask parents to pay for the Shakespeare T-shirts. Last year, the T-shirts were \$4; we don't know yet how much the shirts will be this year.

We know that transporting students to and from school on Saturdays can

be difficult and we encourage families to car pool if possible. If you're available to or interested in carpooling, please let Ms. Lamson or Ms. Conant know early in the year, so that they can help make those arrangements.

Coming Soon!

- Attendance Superstars!
- Tips for memorization
- Acting exercises
- % completion for memorizing

