



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES *for* FRESHMAN

## Drumline

If you play a percussion instrument, then you might be interested in joining New Trier Drum line. Drum line supports the varsity football team by performing at New Trier Varsity football games at home. You do not have to be enrolled in a school ensemble course and incoming Freshman are very welcome!

## NQA Improv

If you love "Second City" and sketch comedy, you'll love learning, practicing and perfecting your improvisational skills with these groups! NQA is New Trier's premiere after-school improv club and troupe, which performs throughout the year and is open to all students. This short-form improvisation group welcomes students who want to play improv games, meet other creative students, and build skills that lead to performance.

## Northfield Dance Ensemble

Students in this innovative dance company practice dance techniques, choreograph original works and rehearse for Dance Days, the Northfield Dance Ensemble Showcase and other school-wide performances. All styles of dance may be a part of the performance. All dancers are welcome to join—freshmen through seniors and beginners through advanced.

## Pep Band

Any student who currently plays a band instrument, bass, or electric guitar is welcome! Pep Band is a great way to learn a lot of new tunes and have a great time showing your school spirit with your fellow musicians at home football games, pep rallies, and basketball games.

## Soundtraks

Soundtraks is a student club devoted to offering students high quality experiences with video and audio recording, broadcasting, and archiving. Students work under the direction of the sponsors to learn recording and sound reinforcement techniques on advanced equipment in New Trier's student-run digital recording and video production studio. Soundtraks students record concerts and other Performing Arts events using several TV cameras and state-of-the-art audio equipment. Many of the final productions are broadcast live on cable TV, radio, and the Internet.

## Plays and Musicals

New Trier productions include dramas, comedies, musicals, and a student variety show. There are many ways for students to participate. All students are encouraged to get involved regardless of previous performing arts experience. Students who are involved as a cast or crew member should expect to make a commitment for 6 to 8 weeks on weekdays from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All materials are posted on the Performing Arts web page approximately two weeks prior to the auditions.

## Pit Band

Come and join the pit band for the Freshman-Sophomore Musical Workshop production. Rehearsals begin in October for the annual production in December. Contact your band or orchestra teacher for more information!

## Stage Crew

Stage Crew is the backbone of every play, musical, and dance production at New Trier. Crew Members build sets, paint scenery, operate the sound and lights for all productions, and have a great time! No previous experience is necessary. This is a terrific hands-on activity for anyone from a master builder to someone who knows how to turn on a light switch.