

The Cast

Period B- Act 1 Cast

Haley Kardek	Maria
Paige Furlong	Graziella
Hannah Niles	Anita/Woman's Voice
Melise Knowles	Clarice
Chloe Gilmore	Velma
Ariana Frankel	Pauline
Grace Reckers	Shrank/Pamela
Holden Leslie-Bole	Chino/Man's Voice
Alex Chang	Diesel
AJ Udom	Riff
Mark Dominguez	Tony
Sam Berg	Action
Addison Thompson	Glad Hand
Sean Mahre	Bernardo
McKinley Reynolds	Big Deal
Jon Ng	Baby John
Oliver Wells	Snowboy
Jamey Smart	A-Rab
Chris Famer	Krupke

Period C - Act 2 Cast

Kathryn Baron	Consuelo
Alana Hindiyeh	Anita
Shayla Goldlist	Teresita
Maddy Welsh	Paloma
Elana Sasson	Rosalia
Sara Amaral	Maria
Christina Hourany	Francisca
Kelsey Strand	Marisol
Sam Warrick	Shrank
Tanner Shaw	Riff
Daniel Atkins	Baby John
Noah Schiller	Action
Pierson Tan	Diesel
Ellis Wilson	Chino
Phil DeLuca	Tony
Gabe Elliott	Bernardo
Davis Kusnick	Big Deal
Alex Ball	Miguel/Doc
Silaa Gassner	Pepe

Period A - Act 3 Cast

Amanda Hamilton	Consuelo
Maddy Derentz	Rosalia
Caitlin Ambrosini	Maria
Ava Hedayat	Paloma
Jamilah Price	Llesenia
Marisa Jamieson	Teresita
Julia Plafker	Marisol
Shawna James	Anita
Emma Tyrrell	Baby John
Michaela Baker	Action
Jenny Wang	Doc
Gabby Glumac	Shrank/Big Deal
Chris Farmer	Diesel
Jack Ramos	Tony
Krishan Canzius	Chino

Scenes

Act 1:

scene 1	5:00 pm	A New York Street
2	5:30 pm	Behind Doc's Place
3	6:00 pm	The Bridal Shop
4	10:00 pm	The Neighborhood Gym
5	11:00 pm	Alley behind Maria's Apartment

Act 2:

scene 1	11:15 pm	Front Stoop of Maria's Apartment
2	Midnight	A Street Downtown
3	12:30 am	Doc's Drugstore
4	5:30 pm next day	The Bridal Shop
5	9:00 pm	Under the Highway

Act 3:

scene 1	9:15 pm	The Bridal Shop
2	9:30 pm	Outside Doc's Drugstore
3	11:30 pm	The Bridal Shop
4	11:40 pm	Doc's Drugstore
5	11:50 pm	Doc's Drugstore Cellar
6	Midnight	A New York Street

Special thanks to A-1 Dance & Theatrical, owned and operated by Amanda Hamilton's grandmother, for making the Jet & Shark girl costumes possible!



Dear Families and Friends of the 8th grade:

We are so lucky to have spent our final weeks of the 8th grade English class working on our production of *West Side Story*. In our class, we focused our attention on the classic text *Romeo and Juliet*, which then led to our study of the adaptation of Shakespeare's timeless story into a uniquely American musical. Though there were times we wondered how we could do this show, our work made clear how powerful putting on a class production could be. Students have worked diligently and patiently, and exhibited great humor and care...even in the most trying moments. Every show makes it to the end only through determination, luck, and love...and we've had our share from the supportive folks around us...and in that spirit, we must especially thank: Lynne Carberry, Chris McCulloch, Sally Baker, Peter Tamaribuchi, Linda May, Patti Martens, Lanny Lee, Wendy Hamilton, Linda & Scott Berg, Susan Sasson, Odette Kardek, Pam & Robert Shaw, Sindy Harris, Patty Hindiyeh, Suzanne Saidi, Gina Jamieson, Meg Niles, Stacy Welsh, Tanya James, Bob Gilmore and all the faculty of the MS for their overall support in this endeavor.

Thank you for sharing your evening with us. We can only hope we have entertained you, if only but a little...

-- Nancy Nagramada

**8th Grade English
In Search of Identity in our Nation, Community, & Ourselves**

Our year together in English was filled with the opportunity to read and explore who we are and how we come upon this thing we call our identity. We wrote often and explored words as we developed our skills to express our thoughts clearly and with intention. We explored themes including the transition from childhood to adulthood, the relationship between parent and child, the development of U.S. identity in the twentieth century, fate and choices, the process of defining one's own identity, and the power of love. Together we examined the impact of words and developed our skills to express meaning to one another. Our command of English continues to grow and expand throughout our lives. 8th grade was our year to grow and learn together.

In the gallery, you will find the final written projects students had this year in English class, with work on their cover through their art class. While we ask that you not open the projects themselves, we invite you to please take in all the covers to get a glimpse of how the 8th graders chose to represent themselves at this critical transition in their lives.



The 8th Grade Production of

West Side Story

Adapted from the Original Broadway Musical

Based on the work of Jerome Robbins

Book by Arthur Laurents

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

May 28, 2010

Danville, California

Course Teacher/Production Director: Nancy Nagramada

Musical Director: Emily Shinkle

Scene Assistant Director and Set Designer: Charles Raymond

Guest Choreographer: Elizabeth DiGirolamo

Sound Technician: Stephen Herrick

Lighting Technicians: Sarah Ingram, Lauren Dominguez,
and Carene Green-Johnson