

Diaspora: Truth from the Youth

Important Dates & Attendance Schedule (2026–2027)

Informational Session



Date: Saturday, October 10, 2026



Time: 11:00-12:00 PM



Location: Via Google Meet



Purpose: Overview of the Diaspora program, Diaspora vision and expectations, Audition process, Parent information, Scholarship opportunities, Performance timeline, and Q&A

Performance/Fashion/Artist/ Production Auditions



Dates: Monday–Friday, October - 12-16, 2026/ Monday–Friday, October 19–23, 2026



Time: 4:30 – 7:30 PM



Location: Columbus Coed Building (1890 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43205)



Details: Open to student performers (actors, dancers, poets, vocalists, musicians, visual artists, graphic designers, photographers, filmmakers, social media managers, social media streamers, backstage support, music engineers, lighting engineers, etc). Students will showcase talent and creativity related to the show's theme.

Final Cast Orientation



Date: Friday, October 30, 2026



Time: 5:00 – 6:30 PM



Location: Columbus Coed Building(1890 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43205)



Purpose: Official kickoff meeting for confirmed cast and crew. Welcome ceremony, Parent meeting, Contract review, Rehearsal calendar, Community-building activities, Introduction of leadership team, Review of expectations, and Cast Fellowship.

Rehearsal Schedule

(Ensemble building, Act development, leadership development, choreography exploration, art development, prop development, read throughs, etc)



Dates:

- November 7, 2026 (Possible Food Fundraiser)
- November 10, 12
- November 16, 17
- Thanksgiving Break (Nov 25-27)
- Introduce student individual fundraisers (Dec 4th)
- November 30, December 2
- December 7, 9
- December 14, 16

January Fundraiser - TBD

- January 5-7, 2027
- January 12–14, 2027
- January 19–21, 2027
- January 26–28, 2027
- February 2–4, 2027
- February 9–11, 2027
- February 16-18, 2027 (Dress Rehearsals for preview show) **4:30-7:30 pm**
- March 1-5, 2027
- March 8-12, 2027 (Dress Rehearsals for full show) **4:30-7:30 pm**



Time: 4:30 – 6:30 PM



Location: Columbus Coed Building (1890 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43205)



Details: Weekly rehearsals will focus on scene development, art development, performance development, and ensemble building. Attendance is required for all cast members unless excused in advance.

Dress Rehearsals (Required)

 **Dates:**

Preview Show: Thursday, February Feb 25  **Time:** 9:30 – 2:30 PM (School Preview Performance)

Acts to be determined and announced by week of Feb 9-11

Two Shows

10:00-11:00 am & 1:00-2:00 pm

- **Monday, Feb 22 (A/V Team and students)**
- Tuesday February 23
- Wednesday, February 24 2027

 **Time:** 4:30 – 7:30 PM

 **Location:** TBD

 **Details:** Full technical and dress rehearsals. Mandatory attendance for *all* performers, crew, and participants.

Full Show

- Monday March 8
- Tuesday, March 9
- Wednesday, March 10
- Thursday, March 11
- Friday, March 12

OR (TBD)

- Monday March 15
- Tuesday, March 16
- Wednesday, March 17
- Thursday, March 18
- Friday, March 19

 **Time:** 4:30 – 8:00 PM

 **Location:** ???

 **Details:** Full technical and dress rehearsals. Mandatory attendance for *all* performers, crew, and participants.

Show Dates (TBD)

Preview Show

 **Thursday, February 25, 2027 (MAYBE)**

 **Time:** 9:30 – 2:30 PM (School Preview Performance)

Two Shows

10:00-11:00 & 1:00-2:00

Full Show

 **Saturday, March 13th or March 20th**

 **Location:** ???

 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM (Matinee + Evening Performances)

 **Details:** Performance days! Students must be on time and performance-ready. Meals and breaks will be scheduled.

Cast Celebration & Reflection

 **Date:** Saturday, April 10th

 **Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 PM or 1:00-3:00 PM

 **Location:** Columbus Coed Building (1890 E Main St, Columbus, OH 43205)

 **Purpose:** A closing celebration and reflective space for students to share experiences, lessons, and creative growth from *Diaspora: Truth from the Youth*.