

Mount Side Story  
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The Mount Saint Michael Players proudly announces the spring production of West Side Story. West Side Story is the musical an updated adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It is set in the summer months of 1950s New York. This is the gripping story of two street gangs, the Puerto Rican Sharks and the White Jets. At the dance at the gym, Tony, an ex- Jet, and Maria, a Shark's brother, meet and are in love at first sight. Despite the feud going on between the gangs, Tony and Maria continue to share their love with each other.

At the climax of the play, Tony tries to stop a rumble between the Jets and Sharks, but he is brought into the fight. His friend and leader of the Jets, Riff, is killed by Bernardo, Maria's brother, and Tony kills Bernardo out of anger. He begs for Maria's forgiveness, which she does. They planned to leave the city and meet at the local candy store. Maria asks Anita, Bernardo's fiancée, to tell Tony she is going to be late, but Anita lies, after being harassed by the Jets. Right when they were about to leave the city together, Tony is tragically killed by Chino, Maria's husband-to-be.

West Side Story will be performed on May 10, 11, and 12 in the Mount gymnasium. We hope to see you at this year's spectacular production!