**Tips for Auditioning**

1. OPEN YOUR MOUTH to sing
   1. This help increase volume
   2. This helps pronounce your words more clearly so the audience can hear you.
2. Sing Out
   1. There is no sense of singing if no one is able to hear you
   2. If you’re going to make a mistake, make it at practice. That gives us time to fix it.
3. Add emotion to what you are singing
   1. No one wants to watch a boring performer. Give me something exciting to watch.
   2. Tell a story. Each phrase in music has a story to tell both with words, and with music.
4. Pronounce Your Words
   1. Audiences want to understand the story. They can’t if they don’t know what you’re singing/saying.
   2. Remember to sing North to South – open your mouth long ways, not side to side. Side to side singing is nasal sounding.
   3. Pronounce your consonants (especially finals t’s, d’s, p’s, and k’s)
   4. Over-exaggerate your words. You may think you sound silly, but your audience will actually be able to understand you. Besides, silly is entertaining. ☺
5. Listen
   1. Singing is 90% ear and only 10% voice. You must listen to those around you (without depending on them to carry you). Also listen to the piano/accompaniment. The pianist doesn’t always play what you sing, but use the notes as clues to the right pitches.
6. Breathe
   1. Take deep breaths and try not to breathe in the middle of phrases. NEVER breathe in the middle of a word.
   2. Practice breathing. You’ll be surprised how this helps increase your volume and your ability to sustain a sound.
7. PRACTICE
   1. You will never get better if you don’t practice.

**Thoughts to remember:**

Volume Pronunciation FUN!