

Grade Nine – Character Breakdown: Mr. Mihailov

In a violent small town high school in 1989, a geeky teen and his comrades navigate the complexities of violence, friendship and Dungeons & Dragons.

Character Name: Mr. Mihailov
Male: Late 30s' – 50
Average – Large Build

Mr Mihailov is the wrestling coach and Social Studies teacher at a violent small town high school in northern Canada.

He is a man's man who is deeply passionate about sport. He believes physical education provides serious and valuable lessons. He understands the psyche of the young male mind and the need to channel all that aggressive energy.

As a social studies teacher he believes in telling it straight about the way of the world – to him, sugarcoating the truth is not education.

The humour in his character comes from his competitive spirit and his unconscious need to live vicariously through the successes of his high school wrestling team. Beneath his gruff, macho exterior is a thoughtful, quietly desperate man.

This supporting role is crucial in constructing the central theme of Grade Nine and requires a performer who can deliver powerful dramatic moments and tease out subtle character driven humor.

