

SO YOU'RE NEW TO THE PLAY... important information for students & parents.

ACCESSORIES: Students do not wear glasses on stage, or their own watch or jewelry (including earrings) or have fingernail polish unless directed to do so.

CAST & CREW GIFTS: The Cast & Crew - as a group - present their thanks (and flowers or gifts) to many people on Closing Night. You will be asked to contribute \$\$.

CLEAN UP AFTER THE SHOW: Each actor has a turn cleaning up the dressing rooms after dress rehearsals and performances. Students may not leave after performances until their costumes are taken care of, and the dressing room is clean when it is their turn to clean it.

CLOSING NIGHT PARTY: There is a closing night party for cast & crew only, supervised by the adult crew. The location will be announced at a later date.

COSTUMES: No part of a costume may be taken home, even if it is yours, without very special permission. No part of your costume that is not yours may ever be taken home. If a piece of a costume is yours, it will not be allowed to be taken home until after STRIKE DAY, March 26th, 2017.

FLOWERS/GIFTS: At performances, many people give flowers backstage, such as;

- from parent to your child
- from cast or crew member to their friends in cast or crew
- from cast or crew member to adult staff members

Some also give gifts, such as stuffed animals, photos, or anything clever and creative that relates to the play. Flowers and Gifts are delivered to the backstage area before the show - do not take them in the auditorium with you.

Every student working on the play, as well as the adult staff, has an assigned space backstage for their gifts. Do not touch while you look at other students' gifts. The gift-heavy nights are Opening Night and Closing Night.

MAKE-UP: All cast members wear make-up, so all will need make-up remover. For sanitary reasons, students provide their own eye make-up. All cast members need a black or black/brown eye-liner pencil. All girls will also need mascara, same colors. Please label your eye make-up with a piece of masking tape with your name or initials on it before bringing it to school.

OPENING NIGHT PARTY: There is an Opening Night Party @ MCC - open to everyone. There will be food & drink, and the party crew will have created a memento, a keepsake of the play, for every student involved in the play. Be sure to look for it and take yours home with you.

PLAY SHIRTS: Sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. with the play logo on them are offered for sale, and arrive the week of the show opening. They must be paid for in advance. Students will receive an order form in their folders. The due date can be found on the rehearsal schedule.

PHOTOGRAPHY: No flash photography in the auditorium. We are blessed to have phenomenal photography by Dr. Tim Reilly, we will let you know where you can find his pictures for your own keepsakes.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE: This is a school day performance that lasts from breakfast until school is dismissed, meaning students will not attend school that day. This performance is attended by MCC Elementary students as well as students from many other local schools. This year it is on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017. Cast photos will be taken after the show. Additional details will be made available at a future date.

UNDERWEAR NOTES - Yes, underwear...

TO BOYS - All boys will need V-neck t-shirts. They will get very sweaty and gross. We suggest you buy a package of six or so and keep them in your box in the Costume Room.

TO GIRLS - You will all be wearing dancers' hose (skin colored tights). Please wear nude/beige bras and underpants - we don't want your stars and stripes showing through the costumes when the stage lights shine on you. Younger girls, you might want to wear a nude/beige camisole also.

VIDEO - There will be a professional videographer taking a video of the play for archival purposes (private use of anyone involved in the play). This will be available for you to order. **No other videotaping will be allowed.**

VOUCHER NIGHT - Voucher Night gives Cast & Crew families with a Voucher the opportunity to purchase a number of tickets per show before they go on sale to the public. Voucher night is scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd, from 6:00-9:00pm in Room 330. Students will be at rehearsal and **MAY NOT** go to Voucher Night to purchase tickets.

MY KID IS IN THE PLAY - WHICH SHOW SHOULD I GO TO? A parent was asked this several years ago, and he answered (to his wife's surprise) *"I'm going to every show. When your kid plays a sport, you don't ask 'which game should I go to...' Besides, every performance is different, and I don't want to miss anything."* In 16 years he never missed a show.