

Pirate Post #2 Settling In, Chaperone Sign-Ups and More

Hello Cast Parents,

Please read to the end – they won't always be this lengthy!

First Rehearsal: As I'm sure you have heard, by all accounts the all-cast read through last Wednesday was fabulous. The musicality of these kids is incredible! Mrs. Metcalfe and Mr. Dave lead the cast in a few ice breakers and drama games before getting started. Photos were posted on our [facebook page](#). Everyone in the cast received a script and they should all have their names written in them and all markings *in pencil*. They will be collected up at the end of the run, with markings erased.

Weekly Rehearsal Call List: The first weekly rehearsal call list email went out quite late on Sunday/early Monday (!). It should come out in the early afternoon going forward. A printable version is also posted on our website at spmssings.org on the password-protected cast information page. This is a wacky week with two early rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday and no rehearsal on Thursday. We plan to update this each week. As a reminder, the password is leapyear, all lowercase.

Cast Contact List: The cast contact list is now posted on the cast info page on the website [here](#). Feel free to reach out to other parents for carpooling, etc.

Rehearsal Reminders:

- Cast members must sign in on the attendance sheet near the chorus room door. You do not need to sign out.
- Bring your script, every time!
- Bring a snack but consume it in the hall, please. Only water is allowed in the chorus room.
- Please wear attire appropriate you can move in. Closed toed shoes required on choreo days.
- Large groups of students will be dismissed out the *front door*.
- Parents, thank you for waiting outside the building for your student. Please arrive to pick up your student on-time. Mrs. Metcalfe wants to go home too!

Saturday Rehearsals: As we start Saturday rehearsals, please remember to bring a lunch if you will be at school through the noon timeframe. If you are being dismissed at noon you don't need to bring a lunch. Please enter and exit through the M Hall door. No one is to leave the school building for any reason unless they are dismissed.

Rehearsal Tracks: Rehearsal music tracks (both with vocals and without) can be found on google classroom. The code is: snq32ga. Your student should access these tracks and download the ones they are performing.

Chaperones: We need 3 more chaperones for coverage *for this week*, plus there are a lot of open slots in the coming weeks. Click [here](#) to sign up. Reminder: each family is **required** to sign up for two sessions – thank you for making the commitment today...Chaperone guidance is on the sign-up sheet. A copy of the guidance is also available in the attendance binder in the chorus room. It's easy and fun. Note: You do **not** need a background check to chaperone at rehearsals. Thank you, Nancy Todd, for chaperoning last week.

Committee Sign Ups: We are in very good shape with staffing the 19 committees at this point. Thank you for signing up at the parent meeting. However, there are a few committees that still could use a few more volunteers. They are given here in order of priority (click [here](#) for descriptions):

- 1) Group ticket sales (1 position open)
- 2) Publicity (1-2 positions open, people to hang posters)
- 3) Set Construction (2 positions open – please folks who know how to use a screw gun!)
- 4) Set Decoration (Painting) (2 positions open)
- 5) Hair & Makeup (3 positions open, teens welcome)
- 6) Door Security (1 position open, teen welcome)

Email me at piratepost@spartanlyricalsociety.org; yes, you can sign up for more than one committee. Families who have not yet signed up for a committee should have received a separate communication. Reminder: serving on a committee is required for your child's participation in the show. Plus, it's fun!

Committee Chairs: All of the committee chairs were sent a welcome email regarding committee member contact information, budget, and some general guidelines. The list of committee leads with contact info is posted [here](#). I have started setting up small group production meetings so you will hear from me very soon.

Commitment Contracts and Fees: We had a very high rate of signed cast commitment contracts and fee payments being made on time! Thank you so much. There are a few families who have not turned in their cast commitment contracts and/or cast fees. You will be contacted by a separate email to make arrangements. Failure to complete this step will unfortunately cause your student to lose their role in the production. We don't want that to happen!

Cast Bonding / Open Mic Night: This is a shameless plug to get the cast to attend or participate in Open Mic Night, set for Friday, Feb 7th in the cafeteria from 7-9 pm. Ten bucks get you pizza or snack, a drink, and a chance to win door prizes (including a pair of tickets to this very show). Sign up to perform or just hang out. Go [here](#) for more info.

Shout-Outs: Thank you SLS board members Elena Owen, Jen Kessler, Lauri Miller, and Amy Heath for helping to set up for the Parent Information Meeting and collecting up contracts, etc. Thanks also to Elena for tracking forms and fee payments on the master spreadsheet. Lots of work gets done behind the scenes to kick off a cast parent meeting!

Worth Mentioning: I failed to make it clear at the meeting, but the Spring Musical Producer is one of the six elected board member positions of Spartan Lyrical Society. I, like you, am a fellow unpaid but dedicated parent volunteer. By working together as a TEAM we can successfully support our children as they experience all that a musical theater production has to offer. For those frantically checking the cast list for someone whose last name is O'Brien, let me save you a few minutes; my eighth-grade son's name is Spencer Feldmann.

Past Pirate Posts are posted on the website. Please refer to them as needed. If you have any questions, feel free to email piratepost@spartanlyricalsociety.com.

Want pictures of pirates, daughters, police and more? So do I. I will send you links, etc. in the next Pirate Post.

Go Team Pirate!

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