

## **Peach Buzz #3: Oh What a Difference a Week Makes & First Saturday Rehearsal!**

Happy Sunday Cast Parents!

The cast is sounding great and they are starting to learn their characters! What a difference a week makes – everyone has made lots of progress! This week, let the dancing begin!!

**Rehearsal Times and Dates – This week's different:** Welcome to the whacky last week of January. Please check the rehearsal calendar carefully.

- Tuesday and Wednesday: rehearsals are from 1:00-4:00, because those are early dismissal days.
- No school on Thursday = no practice on Thursday!
- Saturday, we'll have our first Saturday rehearsal.
- Please check the schedule that Mrs. Metcalfe sends and make sure your student comes for their rehearsal slot – they do not need to be there other times. Rehearsal schedules are also posted [here](#).

Rehearsal reminders:

- Students need to wear comfortable, moveable clothing every day - no boots or Uggs.
- Saturday rehearsal is from 10-2 for all cast members. Please send a lunch with your student – remember, no one is to leave school property during rehearsal.
- Students - Bring your script to every rehearsal
- Parents - please pick up students on time

**Production Meeting/Production Start – Sets, and Costumes, and Props, Oh My!** Last Sunday the creative team as well as chairs of costumes, props, set construction, set decorating, and tech crew committees met to learn more about the set design and costume/prop visions and understand how that impacts the other production areas. This weekend, several members of the set construction, costumes, and props committees met to unload the storage container and start organizing pieces for the set, unveiling costumes, and sorting props! The peach is being planted and will soon start to grow!!

**Committee Chairs:** All committee chairs have now been contacted by the producer by email regarding committee member contact information, budget, and some general guidelines. We will be scheduling planning meetings in the coming weeks, where you will get more specific guidance. A list of the committee chairs will be posted on the website soon.

Thank you to Catherine Heine who volunteered to help with Group Ticket Sales. This is really a fun committee, because you get to reach out to the elementary schools (many of you still have contacts), as well as Girl Scouts and other groups to offer them group ticket sales, and we often have a special event for the groups before the show where they get to talk to the actors and tech crew. We just need 1-2 more people to help Catherine! Please e-mail me at [peachbuzz@spartanlyricalsociety.org](mailto:peachbuzz@spartanlyricalsociety.org)!

**Inquiring Minds May Want to Know:**

- Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – start bringing in bins! Kim mentioned at the parent's meeting each actor will need to bring in a bin labeled with their name on all 4 sides and the top for costume storage. You can find a sample bin by clicking on the link [here](#). You can get these at Target, Walmart, Home Depot, etc. You may just have one lying around the house. It does not have to

be this exact brand or style. The bins will be used to store your child's costume items and shoes, but also their street clothes when they are wearing their costumes. Saturday rehearsals are a good time to bring in bins so they can go straight back to the music room.

- All girls will need a nude leotard or nude cami and dance/bike shorts, and all boys will need black compression shorts and a black or white tank top. Footwear is usually nude or black jazz shoes but we will send out further direction once we have begun fitting kids in costumes. You do not need to get these items right away – just letting you know in case you have something at home to set aside or see a great sale you can't pass up!
- Hair and Make-up – information will be coming out in about a month or so. For anyone like me who has no idea what to buy when you get to the make-up aisle, never fear! Gina Dicks, our chair of hair and make-up will supply us with a list with specifics with color, suggested brand names (not expensive), etc.

### **Shout-Outs:**

Chaperones: Thank you to last week's chaperones: Lisa Shrout, Gina Dicks, Timothy Woodbury, Nancy Todd, and Jessica Shriner. There are still [chaperone slots](#) available for those of you who have not signed up to chaperone – we need you!

Peach Cobblers: A big thank you to the "Peach Cobblers (aka set construction crew)" who came Saturday to move everything out of the storage shed and who started building the set: Kelly O'Brien, Chris Feldman, Jared Calish, Jerry Owens, Jennifer Fleming, Todd Powell, Sean Martin, and Andrea Greer. Thank you to Sara Metcalfe for helping to get the set pieces into the school as well!

Costume Artists: Thank you to Kim Wellschlager and the costume crew of Amy Donegan, Shelly Hoffmaster, Katie Pearce, Elena Owen, Kristin Tufo, Claudia Woodbury, and Timothy Woodbury who came out to organize costumes! We have a lot for the kids to choose from!

Prop Peddlers: Thank you to Joni McIntyre for sorting the props this week!

**High School Student Volunteers:** We love our high school student volunteers! We have several high school volunteers already and we're looking for more (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders). Interested students need to contact us directly through the SLS website under 'Contact Us'. Please direct high school student volunteers who may contact you directly to follow the process outlined on our website. Student volunteers will need to have signed student volunteer permission slips (found on the Forms page of the website) to participate on SPMS property, so please manage that at the committee level. Have them bring their slips the first time they meet with you and then send them to the SLS mailbox in the front office or give to me if you see me. Thank you – it may seem like a nuisance but this is being done at the request of high school parents.

**Volunteer Hours:** Did you know that SPMS gets additional funding based on the number of volunteer hours that parents report? Please track your volunteer hours outside of normal school hours and send them directly to the front office, Ms. Theresa Miller at [tcmliller@aacps.org](mailto:tcmliller@aacps.org). You can do this monthly or at the end of the show run. We won't be tracking volunteer hours through SLS. Thank you from the front office.

**Past Peach Buzz** messages are posted on the website, as well as chaperone signups and weekly rehearsal call lists. We will also be posting the Cast Contact list today, which you can use to help arrange carpools, character practice, and more! Over the next few weeks, we'll continue to populate the site with more! If you have any questions, feel free to email [me at peachbuzz@spartanlyricsociety.org](mailto:me@peachbuzz@spartanlyricsociety.org).

Keeping the Peach Rolling,

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