

Pirate Post #7 – The beginning of March Madness!

Hello Cast Parents,

Wow, the cast started rehearsing on the set this past week. It's starting to get real now. I also saw lots of committee action, from set decoration to props to costumes to hair & makeup! It is great to make use of the time when the kids are in rehearsal. You may have seen the fb post – Mrs. Metcalfe brought in cupcakes to celebrate our main character Frederic's leap year birthday on Saturday! Cast bonding over neon frosting 😊

Rehearsal Note: The cast is expected to be Off Book this Saturday for music – that means they should have their lyrics etc., memorized. Might as well learn all your lines too 😊

From the T-Shirt Chair (Lisa Shrout): Parents can order their own cast t-shirt to promote the show or to wear as part of their committee 'uniform' on show days. They are \$10 and can be ordered through the cast information page on the website or [here](#). *Orders for extra t-shirts are due **Friday, March 6th***. They will be sent home with your cast member closer to tech week.

From the Hair & Makeup Chair (Kristin Tufo): Please refer to [Pirate Post #6](#) for complete Hair & Make-up Guidance. There will be a few daughters and pirates that will be pulled for hair and make-up testing this week. Your child may come home with a 5 o'clock shadow, but hey, these daughters are fierce 😊 This is the hair and makeup schedule for costume parade and tech week. Please make a note so you know what to expect:

- March 14- Costume Parade FULL CAST HAIR AND MAKEUP
- March 29,30, and 31- LEADS ONLY HAIR AND MAKEUP
- April 1- Dress Rehearsal FULL CAST HAIR AND MAKEUP

It's not too late to volunteer to serve on the hair and makeup committee. There is a lot of opportunity for anyone who wants to help! Click here to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/JVeNnzU>

From the Costume Chair (Kim Wellschlager): Bins, bins, bins...Keep sending them in. Gather up those required undergarments but keep them at home for now, unless otherwise instructed.

- Daughters: The daughters Act 1 costume requires brown boots/shoes. We generally ask for cast members to provide their own footwear for best fit and comfort for dancing and performing. If your child has brown boots (tall like a riding boot or shorter lace up like a hiking boot) at home, please consider sending them in for us to take a look at and have them wear for the show. If you'd be interested in buying a pair, Walmart has racks of boots on clearance for \$5 and \$9. **Example pictures included below.** Act 2 footwear is a nude jazz shoe or ballet shoes (costume change is to bedtime attire). We do have a few in our inventory, so feel free to check with me before you buy some if you don't already have them.
- Police: Costume fittings and will happen this Thursday so please remind your child to have appropriate undergarments for trying on costumes as well as their bins to store their hats, gloves and any other accessories for their costumes. Black shoes with black soles for footwear.
- Pirates: We'll be continuing to assign costumes this week. Footwear is a pair of black boots if you have them or black shoes with black soles. We will use boot covers over black shoes/sneakers.

Any costume questions, please email Kim Wellschlager kwellsch@gmail.com.

From the Props Chair (Tiffany Gray): Thank you for the items that were sent in last week. Please continue to send in these items if you have them:

- Toy weapons - spear, toy axe, big saw - the scarier, the better (no more light sabers or any guns, please)!
- Pittsburgh Pirates items - hand towel, Jersey, etc.
- Ravens or Orioles shirt/jersey

Contact Tiffany at thegrays3@msn.com Thank you!

From the Set Decorations Chair (Jodi Roberts): If you have any fake greenery that is collecting dust at home, please send it in so we can lush out our Jumanji bridge. Or maybe we need a 'shrubby' to lush out our Spamalot/Holy Grail references...Either way, it will help us out a lot since fake green costs a lot of real green, know what I mean? Questions? Contact Jodi at jodi@cricketstudioartworks.com

From the Tech Crew Club Chair (James Oswald): Tech Crew Club started last Saturday and all went smoothly. Scott Metcalfe summed up 25+ years of experience as a recording engineer in 2.5 hours! We will meet again this Saturday so thanks for not hitting our future spotlight operators and sound board technicians in the parking lot.

Committee Meetings, Etc. (Kelly O'Brien): Last week, David Merrill, James Oswald and I met with our lighting designer, John Purnell. To prepare for the meeting, John visited the stage a few times and attended the creative team production meeting. He presented a coherent lighting plan that we are in the process of executing. All I can say is he is taking our lighting to a whole 'nother level. I'm very excited about this collaboration! With the exception of Cast Party, all production meetings with committee leads are complete; thank you for your patience! All committee leads should have guidelines, forms, budgets, hot tips, etc. We will remain in touch over the coming weeks. As ever, you can contact me at piratepost@spartanlyricalsociety.org.

Choreo Corner: Click on the [Choreo Video Clips](#) button to review your moves. There are three new clips posted. Let's impress Ms. Elysia with our smooth moves by practicing; I meant the cast members, but I do appreciate the enthusiasm, Joey Roventini 😊

Chaperones: Wow, we have every chaperone slot filled through the end of tech week! Thank you so much for taking care of this. The link is [here](#) for your reference.

Did you Know? We are only able to hold rehearsals on Saturdays in March because of the commitment of our principal and vice-principals to education in the performing arts. They are taking turns coming in on a voluntary basis, donating hours of their time so our kids can benefit. We will show our appreciation as an organization, but a kind word from cast and crew parents would probably mean more 😊

Shout-Outs:

- **Last week's chaperones:** Stephanie Wright, Jay Honeywell, Julie Garvey, Veronique Bugnion, Joe Glebocki, Heather Chisholm, and Kerry Strom.
- **Major-General of Fun:** Amy Heath for organizing the Parents of Penzance social, complete with Pirate quiz and prizes! It was a great turnout and I stand by my "incorrect" quiz answer that Penzance is located on the coast of SPMS!

- **Photography:** Shelly Hoffmaster for getting the Tech Crew Club photo and head shots done on Saturday morning. It wasn't cold at all – those were practice shiver-me-timbers 😊
- **Set Construction:** Chris Feldmann for completely revising a custom-made bench in two days.
- **Costumes:** High School student volunteer Ellie Heath for all her stitch-witchery on the sewing machine!
- **Set Decoration:** Lori Glebocki for painting the sky scene so brilliantly!

Coming Soon:

- Tech Week Meal ordering information
- Extra Show DVD ordering Information
- Cast/Crew Pre-Sale Ticket Information

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.

Go Team Pirate!

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Spring Musical Producer

Boot scootin' boogie below!

