

Pirate Post #1: Welcome Cast Families!

On behalf of the Spartan Lyrical Society Board and the Spring Musical creative team, congratulations students and welcome to the cast family of *The Pirates of Penzance JR*! About 80 very talented students auditioned for roles. The directors were very pleased with the enthusiasm, commitment and talent that was displayed by the students throughout the audition process and ultimately made some very tough decisions. The limited cast size of 60 will help ensure a positive musical theater experience for everyone and allow every individual their moment to shine. I'd like to thank all the audition chaperones (Shannon Davis, Jen Kessler, Elena Owen, and Joni McIntyre) for keeping the students (and a few parents!) calm and the audition process flowing smoothly.

A few near-term reminders:

Mandatory Parent Meeting: There is a MANDATORY Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at **6:00 pm in the cafeteria**. Please note the change in time. At least one parent from each cast family must attend this meeting. Please enter the building through the cafeteria doors (by the flag pole). At the meeting you will meet some members of the creative team, hear about the director's vision, and learn about the many volunteer committees. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU (!) for leaving your cast member and their siblings at HOME. Please bring:

Cast Commitment Contract: Please turn in your signed Cast Commitment Contract, which is DUE at the meeting. The Cast Commitment Contract on the website [here](#), or you can use the one found in your Audition Packet. Please review and have you AND your child sign it and bring it to the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, please pay the fees below, which can be done on the SLS website:

Cast Fee: The \$110 nonrefundable cast fee is DUE before the meeting, payable [online](#). The cast fee covers play rights/royalties, director's fees, expenses related to sets, costumes, cast party, etc. Your cast member will receive a script, show t-shirt, show DVD and poster at no additional expense. *Note: limited confidential need-based fee waivers are available [here](#).*

Other Fees (if applicable): The \$25 mandatory SLS Membership fee (if applicable) and any other outstanding SLS fees are also due before the meeting (you will receive a separate email communication if any other fees are due). The total amount due can be paid [online](#) with one paypal transaction. If you are joining SLS now, you must also fill out the online permission slip and media release, [here](#).

First Rehearsal: The first rehearsal is Wednesday, January 22nd from 3-6 pm in the Chorus Room. This is an all-cast rehearsal. Here the cast will receive their scripts and will read through the entire script. The directors will also review the expectations going forward. Please send in a snack to consume outside the chorus room prior to rehearsal as well as water. Parents, thank you for waiting outside the building for your child at pickups. Students will be dismissed out the front doors.

SLS Website: The SLS Website is spmssings.org. Over the coming weeks, you will find lots of cast information and be able to order additional show DVDs, tickets, tech week meals, etc. If you don't find what you are looking for on the website, please direct your question to piratepost@spartanlyricalsociety.org.

Cast families, on behalf of the creative team, we can't wait to get started on this exciting journey with you all.

Go Team Pirate!

-Kelly O'Brien
Spring Musical Producer