

Middle School Musical: Performance Info and Helpful Hints

COSTUMES

- All costume pieces are marked with the students 'costume number'. All costume pieces must stay at the school.
- There is NO EATING OR DRINKING anything (but water) in costumes.
- Please send a 'costume box' (medium size cardboard box) for your student, on 10/27. We usually have extras if it's a problem.
- Have your students wear athletic shorts/bike shorts and a tank/undershirt under their costumes. They can bring those items starting 10/27 and leave them in their costume box.
- Students will leave all costume items (including shoes) in their costume box at school.

'CALL TIME' FOR SHOW NIGHTS (TH, F & SAT)

- All actors and technical crew are expected to be at 8th grade center by **5:00 pm each night.** There is plenty of time for kids to go home after school, get a bite to eat and come back. If your student must stay at school after the school day please make sure someone can bring them dinner or send them with extra food. There will be no meals or snacks provided.
- Students that miss 'call time' and/or late will be the last to be dismissed at the end of the night.
- Please have your student bring a refillable water bottle. It's important for them to stay hydrated during performance week.

TICKETS

- Tickets are all general admission.
- Adults are \$8 each and children/students are \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased early (to avoid standing in long tickets lines) on **Wednesday, November 5th** during the last dress rehearsal/Parent Night. Please bring exact payment. Cash/check only
- Ticket sales will open at 6:15 pm each night of the show (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)
- Tickets must be paid with **cash or a check made out to: UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
- Tickets good for any night (one admission per ticket)
- There is no purchase limit.

PARENT NIGHT

- Parents of cast members are invited to come preview the show **Wednesday, November 5th at 5:00pm.** Please note this is still considered a 'rehearsal' and they have to stop and make adjustments. There is no charge for this event. We do hope you will support this program and purchase lots of tickets to the actual performance nights.
- If you purchased a program ad that comes with tickets - those will be available at Parent Night and also at the ticket table before each show.
- Please bring concession donations with you on Parent night.

PERFORMANCE NIGHTS

- Guests & family may line up to enter at 6:00pm each night in the locker hallway. (There will be signage)
- If you are volunteering at the concession stand or the ticket table please check in with Holly Loyd for directions and your seat vouchers.
- Auditorium will 'open' at approximately 6:30pm or after microphone check has been completed
- There is no 'seat saving' before auditorium opens at 6:30pm (Directors excluded)
- Please do not visit your student in the theatre room prior to, during or after the show.

CONCESSIONS

- Concession items (drinks/candies/popcorn) are available for sale before performance and during intermission. Most food items are \$2 each. All proceeds go directly to support next year's Middle School Musical. We appreciate your support.
- Our new 'Merch Pop Up Store' will be open at the concession stand. There are theatre shirts, show shirts and tons of fun items to purchase. Cash/checks or credit cards accepted on all concession/merch items



We need your help!!
VOLUNTEER ON OUR SIGN UP GENIUS.
<https://tinyurl.com/4w476nk5>

(Link available on Union MSM Beauty & the Beast Facebook page)

AFTER PERFORMANCES

- After each performance your student will be able to come out in costume and be showered with love and support from family and friends in the cafeteria area. Miss McCoy will then call them into the classroom.
- The director will dismiss actors to leave after they have:
 - Changed out of their costume
 - Hung costumes up properly on the rack
 - Cleaned up their area
 - Walked their costume box back to Mrs. Spatz's classroom
- No costume items may leave the school.
- Your student MUST check out with Miss McCoy before they leave. Students who fail to do so will be the last to leave on the following night.

CAST PARTY- Friday 11/7

- The Cast Party will start AFTER students have changed, hung up, cleaned up and walked their costume box to Mrs. Spatz's room.
- Generally the cast party lasts until 10:30 pm-ish
- Feel free to stay and watch the kids have fun, wait in your car or just come pick them up at 10:30pm
- They will receive their CAST GIFT during the cast party Friday night along with a show poster and show program.

THE LAST PERFORMANCE

The last show is always bitter-sweet. But there are a lot of things that must happen. The process of cleaning up/storing props, removing tape from stage floor is called STRIKE. It's a tedious process but can be accomplished quickly if everyone helps. Everyone needs to stay until all of the work is done. Please respect this process.

This is the order of what will happen:

- Students come out to audience in costume to visit and be showered with love and support.
- We will call the kids up on stage in groups and take cast photos. We could really use parent help with this. We will need help corralling the kids because they tend to migrate away from the stage.
- Change out of costume.
- We will give the students specific directions on where to check-in their costumes. We usually collect costume in the gym. **Students must HAND IN THEIR COSTUME AND BE CHECKED OFF IN PERSON.** Would love parent help in doing this.
- The changing areas in the gym and theater room must be picked up and cleaned before Miss McCoy dismisses any students.
- The entire cast & crew will be dismissed as a group when all items have been turned in, checked off and cleaned up. We would really appreciate your support and understanding.
- Leaving before dismissal may affect future casting.

GENERALLY

- Have your student rest when they can.
- Have them take advantage of their 'down-time' and catch up with school work/studies.
- Some costumes cannot be washed during show week. Please have your child wear deodorant and shower regularly.
- Please remind them not to share drinks, lip gloss or take any unnecessary risks
- During this cold/flu/covid 'time' it is easy to let our guard down. Please be cautious sending your students to any large parties or events where they could be infected. One case of flu/covid could spread quickly during performance week.
- Please monitor your student for any fever, chills, coughing, etc.

Show week is always the craziest but also the most fun part of this process.
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

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