

OAP Important Info

As we approach the final weeks of One-Act Play, I wanted to be sure to communicate all upcoming important information before I completely go into competition mode. Please look at the following information, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Rehearsal 4:00-6:00
Friday, Nov. 9: Rehearsal 4:00-8:00
Wednesday, Nov. 14: Rehearsal 4:00-6:00
Friday, Nov. 16: Clinic at HHS during School
Rehearsal 4:00-7:00
November 19-23: THANKSGIVING BREAK- NO REHEARSAL (Eek!)
Monday, Nov. 26: Rehearsal (for those available) 4:00-6:00
Wednesday, Nov. 28: Rehearsal 4:00-6:00
Friday, Nov. 30: Rehearsal 4:00-8:00 (Clinic)
Monday, Dec. 3: Rehearsal 4:00-6:00 (Remain at school for hair and make-up)
Public Performance at 7:00- \$2 for adults, \$1 for students
Tuesday, Dec. 4: Rehearsal 4:00-7:00 (7th and 8th Band Excused)
Wednesday, Dec. 5: Rehearsal 4:00-7:00
Thursday, Dec. 6: Rehearsal 4:00-7:00
Friday, Dec. 7: UIL Rehearsal at Connally HS (during school)
Rehearsal 4:00-7:00***This may change
Saturday, Dec. 8: Competition Day! ***See itinerary below!
Friday, Dec. 14: Tentative Date for Cast and Crew Party, Time/ Date/ Place TBD

Saturday, December 9 Itinerary

7:00am- We will meet at KLMS in Portables 3 and 4 at 7:00 to load costumes and make-up, and get ready to ride to CHS as a group. Students should wear their cast and crew T-shirts with jeans. Female actors who wear dresses on-stage should refrain from wearing skinny jeans that will leave seam imprints on their legs. Leggings would be an acceptable substitute. Please make sure to get plenty of rest, and eat a nice, big healthy breakfast. Nervous, empty stomachs are a recipe for disaster. Please...no slumber parties on Friday night! ☺ We will depart from KLMS at 7:30.

8:00am- Arrive at greenroom at CHS. Begin working on hair and make-up for show.

10:00am- Directors' Meeting. My husband is a KLMS volunteer, and will be in the greenroom at this time to watch students and keep them on task.

11:00am- First Show Begins, Dessau Middle School. KLMS OAP will be watching Dessau Middle School's performance. We will be seated House Left in area that will allow for nearly 30 people to sit together. Parents, please note that admittance to the OAP Competition is \$5 per person. OAP Company has free admittance. Furthermore, please remember that shows will run back-to-back. There is no definitive time I can give you. Once a show begins, the contest manager will not allow admittance into the theatre, no matter what. My best estimate at a performance time would be 12:30pm, but my recommendation would be to err on the side of caution and just plan your day at the UIL OAP Festival. Parents, please feel free to sit with us, as we will be seated together. After Dessau's performance, the cast and crew will go to the greenroom for final preparations. Alternates may remain in the audience to continue watching the shows. In the greenroom, cast will change into costumes, while crew will change into fully black clothing. Black shirt with long sleeves, long black pants. At this point, we will be taken to another room to pump it up before we perform. After our show, we will return to the greenroom, change back into jeans and cast shirt (crew may stay in black) and return to the audience. We will watch the 5th and 6th performances, Pflugerville Middle School and Park Crest Middle School, respectively.

Approximately 4:00pm- This is an estimate of a completion time. Once Park Crest Middle School is finished, we will return to the greenroom. Here, we will collect personal items, hang our costumes, and load our set pieces. Also, we will change into our awards ceremony clothing. Awards ceremony clothing should be nice clothing one might wear to church service or a wedding. There are no restrictions on color, but students must abide by school dress code. Please remember, this will be an evening in December. Dress for warmth as well.

Approximately 5:00pm- Awards Ceremony. The following awards will be given out: Outstanding Crew, Honorable Mention All Star Cast, All Star Cast, Best Actor, and Best Actress. Following these individual awards, will be the presentation of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. We will abide by theatre etiquette here. We will clap for each and every recipient. There will be no screaming or hollering. If any members of our cast receive individual awards, we will stand and clap for them. Again, no screaming will occur. If we place, we will stand and clap only. If we do not place, we will still stand and clap for those who do. Either way, we will not show an overabundance of emotion. We will be good and honorable sports no matter what happens. Last, we will keep our opinions to ourselves no matter what. 😊

Approximately 6:00pm- Critiques. Being critiqued is a valuable part of the acting process. It gives us a chance to grow and understand both our strengths and our weaknesses. For this reason, no students will be allowed to leave prior to critiques. If you leave prior to critiques, please understand that you are forfeiting the opportunity to be cast in future productions. With three judges, critiques do not take long. During critiques, we will remain professional, answering questions using “ma’am” or “sir”. If you have a question to ask the judge, please raise your hand. There is a possibility that the judge will not ask for your questions, and that’s perfectly fine as well.

Approximately 7:00pm- Competition Day is finished! Before you leave, you MUST sign out with Mrs. Loy. Safety is my number one priority, so I need to know when and with whom you are leaving. The expectation is that students will leave from CHS with a parent. If you need a different exit plan, please talk with me individually. Also, if a student will be leaving with someone other than their parent, I will need that in writing prior to competition. Please let me know by Wednesday, December 5th if that will be the case.

Other Reminders:

Due Friday, November 16th:

Costume
Garment Bag
Make-up Bag
Black Eyeliner
White Eyeliner
Black Mascara

Cast Party: Let’s tentatively place a date of Friday, December 14th for our cast party. Check calendars, and we’ll reassess on Friday, November 16th.

Parents and OAP Company,

I cannot tell you how proud I am of these thespians. I firmly believe that the difficulty level of this show would be daunting for many middle school companies, but I have constantly been impressed with the professionalism and work ethic of these kids. (Even if I am tough on them sometimes!) My goal is always to push young actors and crew to a new place, and your children have definitely risen to the occasion. As always, theatre is about telling and paying homage to the story. I can’t wait for you all to see how beautifully and honorably your children present this story.

Theatrically Yours,

Christina Loy