

## **Pierce School Musical TECH CREW Information**

Welcome, and thank you for considering joining the Tech Crew of *Aladdin*. We rely on our tech crews to make the show run without a hitch. The kids will learn to take ownership of their tasks and feel the importance of their contributions; the show simply can't work without them.

### **SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE**

Tech Crew occurs over 2-3 weeks at the end of our production and allows you to pick your child's work days based on their schedule. Attendance is mandatory on days your child is scheduled unless they are sick. Assembling, striking, and re-assembling the sets quickly and correctly takes some practice, so we need them there.

Our tech rehearsals will begin Friday, December 1 and our last show is Sunday, December 15. In mid-November, we'll circulate a Google sheet for you to name your child's available days. As long as your child can make 3 per week and at least two of the shows, it works.

The full tech and dress rehearsal schedule is:

On Mondays – Thursdays, they are called after school until 6:00pm, on Fridays until 5:00pm.

The shows are:

Friday, December 15 • 6:30 show time, 6:00pm crew call time, finished by 8:30pm.

Saturday, December 16 • first show • 1:30pm show time, 1:00pm crew call time, finished by 3:30pm.

Saturday, December 16 • second show • 6:30pm show time, 6:00pm crew call time, finished by 8:30pm.

Sunday, December 17 • 1:30pm show time, 1:00pm crew call time, and the crew stays after the show to put everything back in the auditorium and clean up!

### **REGISTRATION/FEES**

Registration opens June 10 for tech crew and the fee is \$165. We will sell 16 crew spots only and they do sell out.

Pierce School Musical is a PTO program taught by paid, non-parent instructors who are qualified to teach drama, music, visual arts, and work with children.

Fees are collected via credit card at time of registration. If you prefer to pay by check, need scholarship support or structured payments, please contact Phil at [phil@pierceschoolmusical.com](mailto:phil@pierceschoolmusical.com).

Pierce School Musical/PTO offers these programs free or at a reduced rate to any child who requires financial support on a "no questions asked" basis. We want your kids to be involved, regardless of your ability to pay.

## REFUNDS

There are no refunds after December 1! All refunds are subject to a 7% fee, the non-refundable fee charged to us by our merchant processor.

## CHECK-IN, SNACKS, NO LEAVING CAMPUS

Tech Crew will meet in the cafeteria after school for check-in and a quick snack that you provide. And please send them with something, it's a long time from your child's lunch to 5:30pm!

Students should report to the cafeteria immediately after school for check-in and snack and should NOT leave campus for Starbucks, Walgreens, CVS, or home unless by special arrangement. We need them right away! We do not check students out at the end of class, they are free to leave campus as they would at any other time.

## BEHAVIOR, SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

**Behavior and discipline:** We have a zero-tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse that violates anyone's safety; should those occur, your child will be sent home immediately and we'll contact you. Depending on the patterns or severity of the behavior, they may be asked to leave the program and a refund will not be offered. If the behavior violates school policies or has the potential to play out during the school day, it will be reported to the administration.

**Safe space:** We honor all kids. We honor their expressed choices about pronouns and names in our rehearsals. If a child has an identity preference expressed to us, we will honor it and, to the extent necessary, will contact you if we perceive a problem. There is no tolerance for teasing, baiting, or taunting of any student or staff member for any reason. In addition, we are mandated reporters as required by law.

**Medical issues:** We receive no information from the school about your child's health. You'll be asked at registration to disclose any medical or non-medical issues that may impact your child's participation as well as your instructions for treatment, if any. It is crucial that you provide us with any relevant information so that we can make appropriate decisions for your child's care. Any disclosures and instructions will be shared with the director and other staff so that we can recognize a problem before it escalates and respond according to your instructions.

Our emergency response protocols are as follows:

- In the event of a real medical emergency (there is blood), our first response is to call 911, then the parent.
- In the event of a minor emergency (stomachache, headache, onset of illness), we'll contact the parent and/or (most likely) send the child home.
- Of course, if a child demonstrates any Covid symptoms, they will be sent to the nurse's office (if open) or home, and we'll call you immediately.

**Non-medical considerations:** If your child has a special circumstance such as ADHD, which needs more attention than is typically offered in this setting, please notify us in advance and we'll work with you to create a plan for successful participation. If your child is prone to less-manageable outbursts, including physical altercations, we do not have the resources (and the school will not provide them) to create a successful and safe experience for everyone.

**Waivers:** You will be asked to check a waiver absolving us of liability in the event of medical emergencies, as is typical for programs like ours, Town sports, Art Barn and more.

#### COVID/ILLNESS CONSIDERATIONS

We expect that Covid will be an ongoing concern for years. We strongly encourage vaccination. We also anticipate that a few students will be out for week here and there for Covid or other illness and accommodate those absences without penalty.

If we are ever unable to continue offering the program because of state or school district restrictions around Covid, or similar, we will wait two weeks before deciding the fate of the current program. If discontinued, we will process pro-rata refunds to all families after our financial obligations to staff have been met.

#### VOLUNTEERISM

We do hire a lot of people to make this program run, but we can't do it without volunteers. Post-pandemic, our program has seen a drop off in the number of parents willing to volunteer and I believe this is detrimental to everyone's experience. Costumes, for example, requires up to 6 parents per show to manage fast costume changes; concessions sales require another 4-6, and there are many other jobs throughout the production. I urge you to consider volunteering not only for the help it provides, but the social fabric it builds.