

We are all in this TOGETHER

Respect and listen to the Crew and Chaperones. They are volunteers like you and have a tough job to do. They must keep the stage, wings and backstage safe and sane. After each rehearsal and performance, they will assess the overall cast behavior and the cleanliness of the dressing rooms. They will assign the cast a rating or grade. *Please respect them if they remind you of the following:*

- Electronic devices/ toys are not allowed backstage. Cell phones are the exception, but they must be turned off. Electronics include but are not limited to: games, radios, CD/tape players, TVs, PDAs/electronic organizers, laptop computers.
Chaperones will take these items away and return them to the parent at the end of the day.
- Electronics are prohibited because:
 - Actors have missed scenes while engrossed in games.
 - They can interfere with the sound system.
 - They are delicate items and the likelihood of loss or damage is high.
- Actors are expected to:
 - remain in dressing rooms until Chaperones call them to places for the next scene.
 - keep silent in the wings while waiting for their entrances.
 - return directly to dressing rooms after exiting the stage.
 - NOT TOUCH the props or sets, unless specifically directed by Crew or Staff.
- Actors are responsible for:
 - all their personal items.
 - the condition of the dressing rooms.
 - picking up after themselves.
- Everyone will:
 - Refrain from bringing food or beverages into the theater.
 - Leave chewing gum outside of the theater. Do not bring it around – never, ever, ever.
 - Put comments and suggestions in the Suggestion Box.
During tech week and show time, *the best place to direct comments is to the box* (not to the Staff, the Production Coordinators, the Volunteer Chairs, nor to the cast). Please leave us a note so we can give your thoughts fair consideration after we all survive the harried, hectic days of Tech Week and Performances. Pied Piper Players “strives to always improve....” All communications are welcome -- constructive, critical, or congratulatory.

Personal Responsibility and Safety

Pied Piper Players adheres to high safety standards and procedures to keep productions safe and accident-free for everyone involved. We acknowledge that the experience of being on stage and backstage is unique for many. It presents new and interesting gadgets, tools and equipment. The stage also can be dangerous and care must be taken at all times. *Be aware of your surroundings.*

Before, during or after a show, ***NO ONE is permitted on stage, backstage or in the wings*** unless specifically called by Staff, Crew or Chaperones. This includes actors, parents, guardians, siblings, friends, families, volunteers, and other interested parties.

HAVE FUN, BE SAFE AND BREAK A LEG!

How to

SURVIVE *Tech Week*

Words of wisdom and bon mots collected over time from production staff, actors, families and other innocent bystanders...

Tech Week \ˈtek week\ (n.) **1:** Intense period before opening of a show which requires patience, understanding, and perhaps, divine intervention. **2:** The period of rehearsal prior to the first performance, during which cast and crew are subject to long breaks in the action, sitting and waiting, interspersed with running scenes, adjusting, improvising, flexibility, chaos, exhaustion, highs and lows, frustration, success, exhilaration, excitement and joy . . . all of which culminates in *OPENING NIGHT!*

During Tech Week the staff focuses on the technical details of a show: lights/sound; sets/backdrops; scene changes; stage entrances/exits; blocking; choreography; music; show cues. It involves *long* hours in the theater; *long* periods of waiting *patiently*. We understand this can be trying for cast members, *especially the younger ones*. However, the ultimate rewards of a productive Tech Week are *priceless!*

Please read this. If you have any questions or comments please feel speak with a *Pied Piper Player Pro*.

Week Prior to Tech Week

Your FIRST priority is the production and your fellow members of the Company.

- Reschedule or postpone other activities (lessons/practices/social events). Tech Week is demanding; you need energy.
- Sleep and rest as much as you can.

! PRACTICE !

- Find a small suitcase/tote bag/backpack/laundry basket, one you can carry by yourself in the theater (rolling suitcases work well). Put your name on it.

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- Label all costume pieces (first/last name).
- Label each item in your cosmetic kit with your name: hair brush/foundation/eye-liner/mirror/lip color/blush. *Do not share*.
- Stay on top of your schoolwork.

! PRACTICE!

Tech Week and Performances

! ARRIVE ON TIME !

- Label your belongings with your name. Keep them in your basket/suitcase:
 - Costumes
 - Cosmetics & facial tissue
 - Script/sheet music & Pencil
 - Homework. Quiet activities: books, puzzles, games with few pieces, cards, paper and pencil (*no crayons, please!*).
- Eat a healthy meal *before* coming to the theater.
- Pack a snack to eat before/after the show. Water is the **ONLY** beverage permitted and only in a re-sealable container.
- Avoid before performances: candy, dairy products, soda and chocolate.
- Actors may not appear in the lobby before performances nor during intermission.
- Friends/family may greet the cast in the lobby after the show. *They are not permitted on stage or backstage.*