

Parents,

In this email/packet you will find lots of information about the upcoming four weeks of rehearsals and performances. Please read carefully and reference this email as opening night draws nearer.

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### **Sign Up Genius**

We will be utilizing Sign Up Genius to organize all parent help and donation items. Please work to find an area to help make our production a success. This list is a little intimidating at first glance, but many of these needs are inexpensive, or volunteering of just a couple of hours.

Visit <http://lesmusic.leroyk12.org/madagascar/signup> to signup.

### **Friday Jan. 15 Extended Rehearsal Information**

Next Monday, January 15, is our extended rehearsal. **The location is TBD. (Change from hard copy)** This rehearsal will take place from 9:00am-2:30pm. Students will be fed lunch (pizza) as part of this rehearsal and as a thank you for giving up their day off. Please have students bring their own bottled drink. Water fountains will be available throughout the day.

At this rehearsal we will begin to run scenes in order, add basic choreography, and work on costume pieces. Some students may be painting sets or costume pieces during this rehearsal. Please have students wear or bring clothing that is appropriate for painting.

Students should be picked up at 2:30 **from the TBD location**. Mr. Scott will be available from 2:30-3:00 for any costume questions. More costume information coming home soon!

### **After School Rehearsals – Buses to LHS**

Students will ride a bus to the high school for several after school rehearsals in January. Students who do not normally ride the bus will be assisted in making it to the correct place. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and snack to after school rehearsals. Snacks will not be provided, but water fountains are available for student use.

After these rehearsals, students should be picked up promptly at the front entrance of the high school on Center Street. Be sure to check the calendar carefully, as rehearsal locations and times vary this month. Mr. Scott is available via the Remind app for last minute questions on locations.

### **Order Forms – Due Next Friday, Jan 19!**

As in past years, we are offering a variety of presale items. We hope that offering these optional items is a convenience to families. These items are briefly detailed below:

#### **Cast T-Shirts**

Shirts are a great souvenir item for students. The logo and dates of our production will be on the front of the shirt, and a list of all cast and crew members will be on the back. Shirts will be delivered the week of the performance, and students will be encouraged to wear them to school on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate opening night. Proceeds from the shirt sale directly benefit the LES Music/Theatre program.

### **Flower Bouquets & Candy Lei Sale**

In live theatre, giving flowers is a way to congratulate performers. We started selling preorder bouquets so that families didn't have to run to the flower shop before the show! We have worked with the LeRoy Florist and Garden Shop again this year to offer \$5 and \$10 carnation bouquets. We will also have candy "leis" for sale. These bouquets will be available for pickup at the concession table on the night you choose. We will also have a small number of single flowers for sale at the door. These are limited and sold first-come, first-served. Proceeds from the flower sale directly benefit the LES Music/Theatre program.

### **Program Shoutouts (new this year!)**

The increased size of our cast means that our program needed to grow as well! This extra space gives us room to offer something that is common in the theatre world, but new to LeRoy: shoutouts! We will print a brief message of your choice in the program to be seen by the 1000+ audience members and cast. This message can be directed to your student, or the entire cast. An example is given on the order form. Proceeds from shoutouts help cover the cost of printing programs and directly benefits the LES Music/Theatre program.

### **Pre Sale Tickets (new this year!)**

Because of the large cast size and limitations of our cafetorium, I have arranged for pre-sale tickets to be sold to families. These tickets will be sold at the same price as tickets at the door, but will be sent home in advance. When the cafetorium doors open, those with tickets may enter immediately. Those without pre-sale tickets will need to wait in line to purchase tickets before entering the cafetorium. We anticipate having a full house at all performances, especially Friday and Saturday evenings. Ticket prices for the musical follow the JH athletic schedule. Just like athletic events, all ticket sale money is returned to the district general fund to support activities across the district and make future extra-curricular activities (including our musicals!) possible.

### **Evening Dress Rehearsals & Meals**

The past three years we have eaten dinner as a cast before each evening dress rehearsal. This has been received well by families and especially students. Our students are SO busy this time of year, and often don't have time to eat before these evening rehearsals. We will provide a quick and easy meal to students at each of our three evening dress rehearsals: **January 29, 30, & 31. (Typo in hard copy)**

If your family is able, we suggest a small donation (\$5-6) towards the cost of these meals. Our goal is to feed your student all three nights for less than the cost of one rushed meal at Subway or McDonald's. Donations are not required or expected. All of our busy, growing students will be encouraged to eat whether or not a donation has been made. Donations can be given to Mr. Scott at any time, or included and noted on the preorder form at the back of this packet.

Parent volunteers are needed for the preparing and serving of these three meals. Signups for this job are on the Sign Up Genius.

### **Performance Night Information**

Cafetorium doors will open 45 minutes before show times. Seats may not be reserved before this time – no exceptions! When the doors open, please reserve only what you will need. I encourage you to give all families opportunities to share the front rows, and to fight the urge to leave empty seats between parties. We anticipate filling every seat at each show.

As always, stay in contact with questions and concerns!

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