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Hello, Lisa,

Our show is right around the corner and it is going to be fabulous! The artistic team is proud of the efforts of the entire cast. They would like to remind everyone to please review dances and blocking in preparation for tech week.

I apologize in advance for inundating you with so much information this time, but it is the nature of the tech week beast. Please do read carefully as everything is important and let me know if you have any questions.

NEW NEWS

- Beneficiary - Save Rochester
- Tech Week Information
- Show Call Times
- Video and Photo Opportunity

BENEFICIARY

We're hoping to bring a little magic to families in need. Please share the information below with family and friends who will be in the audience. Thanks in advance for your support!

Stages performances improve the community by encouraging young performers to use and share their talents to help others. The performances of *Something Rotten* benefit **Save Rochester Inc.** whose mission is bridging the gap between communities in Rochester by spreading awareness about poverty. They deliver fresh

commitment in Rochester by spreading awareness about poverty. They deliver fresh organic produce, meats, milk, bread, and other food staples to the front doors of families in need throughout the Greater Rochester Area. Not only that, Save Rochester Inc. hosts poetry slams, events for kids, provides mental health and wellness workshops for men and boys, and strongly advocates for social equity. Their modest donor base understands this mission and helps Save Rochester Inc. to spread joy in our community with gifts of nourishment and love.

Save Rochester needs your help! We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items such as canned tuna, peanut butter & jelly, Ramen noodles, beans, pasta, rice, cereal, cereal bars, protein shakes, Equate (or similar), herbs, spices, ketchup, mustard, table salt etc. at all *Something Rotten* performances.

TECH WEEK INFORMATION

TECH SATURDAY (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

*The entire cast is called at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a long, but productive rehearsal adding in the technical element of the show. Below you'll find information to help the day run as smoothly as possible.

- Everyone will be in costumes on Saturday. Please double check that all of your items are in your costume bin, including bases. *Shoes need to stay at Stages as well (Please get permission from Beth if you need your shoes for a class).
- Although styling your hair is not required today, it would be helpful for the mic'ing process if hair is similar to the style required for the show (Girls: half up/half down if playing a female and pinning short hair back/low ponytail when playing a male).
- Please respect the costume pieces and backstage area. Be sure to hang pieces and keep dressing rooms tidy. *Please don't leave anything on the floor.
- Backstage etiquette: While backstage, please remember to keep your voices down, pay attention to the show and keep your language clean.
- Mics - Everyone with mics needs to wear a sports bra or clasped bra to hook mic packs to. Otherwise, mic belts will be used. Keep in mind that Jake and the sound crew will be accessing mics under your costume. Please wear a base that will provide appropriate modesty and comfort for all involved.
- Bring a lunch filled with healthy, nutritious food for sustained energy and a snack or two.
- Bring some extra patience. The show will stop and go as we work out any issues with sound and lights.

TECH WEEK: MONDAY (5/9) - THURSDAY (5/12)

*Everyone should come to the theatre with hair and makeup done during tech week and shows, unless you need special help.

- Rehearsals run Monday - Thursday and are longer than usual: 5:30 - 9:30. We are aware that this can be an exhausting week for the cast and will get them out the door at 9:30 p.m. on the nose so that they can get home to bed.
- Eat nutritionally, take your vitamins, and get as much sleep as possible! Do all of the other things you do to stay healthy.
- Please come to the theater with hair and base makeup already done.
- To preserve costumes and mics, only approved foods are allowed in the dressing room (grapes, carrots, pretzels, water). Any other food items found in the dressing rooms will be confiscated.
- Please bring a refillable water bottle, labeled with your name.
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- Thursday - Full Dress (Costumes/Makeup/Hair), Guildenstern parents in to video and parent photo op (6:15 parents arrive)

PERFORMANCE CALL TIMES

*Call times will be solidified by Tuesday of Tech Week.
 For 7:30 p.m. Shows - Cast Call will likely be 5:30 p.m.
 For 2:00 p.m. Shows - Cast Call will likely be noon

VIDEO AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Video:

- Rosencrantz Parents, you are invited to record the Wednesday (5/11) dress rehearsal from the balcony for educational purposes (families only).
- Guildenstern Parents, you are invited to record the Thursday (5/12) dress rehearsal from the balcony for educational purposes (families only).

No recording of any kind will be allowed during performances. If you are interested in taking advantage of this, please arrive by **6:15pm** on Wednesday or Thursday to set up. Make sure batteries are charged and equipment is in working order. This will be a working technical rehearsal and may have parts that are still being refined. Thank you for refraining from speaking to the artistic staff as their focus will be on the students and the technical staff.

Photo:

Parents will have 10 minutes following the Wednesday and Thursday dress rehearsals to take photos of their cast member in costume. Students wearing mics will first go backstage to have their mics removed and then may come out for photos while the cast photo is being arranged (Wednesday) Photos can be taken in the theater and in the lobbies, not on stage. Please take your photo as quickly as possible.

Photography in the dressing rooms and backstage is not allowed for a variety of reasons, the most important of which is having people in various stages of un-dress. Please do not take photos/videos backstage.

DON'T FORGET TO...

- Spread the news (Everyone)
- Signup to Volunteer (Parents)
- Buy Tickets (Everyone)
- Signup for Cast Party Items (Parents)

SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT OUR SHOW

There is nothing better than playing to a full house! Please tell everyone you know. Follow us on social media to share promotional posts (see icons below).

VOLUNTEERING

There are just 3 slots that need to be filled at this point (see below). Please consider helping. Really appreciate all of the people who have volunteered already!

Dressing Room Supervision: Saturday, 5/21, 7:30 p.m. Show - , NEED TWO

Dressing Room Supervision: Sunday, 5/22, 2:00 p.m. Show - NEED ONE

[SOMETHING ROTTEN VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP](#)

TICKETS

Tickets are available for purchase online at the link below. Everyone watching the show should have a ticket. Price \$15.

SOMETHING ROTTEN TICKETS

CAST PARTY SIGN-UP

Please take a moment to add your name to a slot or two:

CAST PARTY SIGN-UP

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS

PHOTO ORDERS

Photographer Jennifer Cummings is selling CD's of candid photos, photo book and posters of the show. The order form will be sent home during tech week.

Note - If you choose to order individually off of Jennifer's website

www.jennifercummingsphotography.com, the password is MJTS

WOODEN ROSES

There will be wooden roses available for sale during each show. The roses are a nice fundraiser for Stages in addition to being a beautiful and lasting gift for your favorite performer.

HYGIENE

This can be an awkward subject, but it is important to address as we start dress rehearsals. Please remember to shower every day and wear deodorant. It is a good idea to bring extra deodorant with you during dress rehearsals and shows. Those stage lights can make people hot and sweaty. We want the dressing room experience to be a good one for all involved. Thank you for understanding!

PARKING

If an event is taking place at the Auditorium Theatre, you may be charged to park. Tell the attendant you are with "Stages" to receive a discount. Please lock cars and do not leave valuables in plain view. When "Event Parking" is occurring, Stages families are asked to park in the Red Cross parking lot across College Avenue. Please let your friends and family know.

On with the show!

Lisa Shearer
Director of Production Operations

