

LTS - Showtime! Important reminders for backstage

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Dear skaters and parents,

SHOWTIME is upon us! That's because, as far as the skaters are concerned, they need to treat the dress rehearsal as a full blown show. We may even have some media people, so let's blow them away!

Some critical reminders and times:

Friday - be at the rink at 3:45 pm. We'll be setting up, and hoping to get the dress rehearsal going by 4 pm.

Saturday - be at the rink at 4:00 pm. Showtime is 4:30 pm.

Sunday - be at the rink at 1:30 pm. Showtime is 2 pm; then 4:30 pm. Skaters are asked to stay at the rink in between the two shows. Cast party at 7 pm.

Key reminders and new information about backstage:

1. Skaters need to **stay in the locker room area**, NOT in corridors or watching, when they are not on the ice or warming up. The two exceptions are (a) the dress rehearsal, when they can watch from the carpeted portion (disability access area) once they are ready; and (b) they can watch the first half with a parent, BEFORE getting into their costume.
2. SafeSport requires that there be **NO RECORDING DEVICES in the locker rooms**. That means nothing that has a camera or an audio recorder. Please make sure your skater knows and understands that he or she cannot have phones or tablets with cameras in the locker rooms, and ensure they come with other things to keep themselves busy and entertained. We've had parents bring in a computer and show a movie, for example. This is particularly important on Sunday, as they will be at the rink from 12:30 pm till 7 pm!
- For a couple of reasons, we are treating the LTS locker room as a meeting space except for a specific time when it will be organized for kids to get in their costumes. The first is the limitation above, which can be loosened once all kids are in costume. The second is that Murphy will spend the "changing time" in the boys locker room, but will then join his Learn to Skate mates for the rest of their backstage time.
3. Bring **non-messy snacks and water**, and make sure it won't stain the costumes! Water should be in covered containers. Please help your skater choose snacks that are not messy (for example, no chocolate!).
4. **Costumes:** Keep costumes organized and on hangers and together in your plastic garment bag. **Please keep them off the floor at all times**. When each show ends please place your costumes back on their hangers and onto the clothing racks. This includes the last show on Sunday - all costumes must be on the racks before your skater can leave for the cast party!
5. **Girls' Hair / Make up** - try to arrive at the Rink with your make-up done and hair in a ponytail. If you need help with Make Up, Judi Berends and Anna Mickey (Laura's older sister) are available to help. Please bring your own make up products and arrive early.

I'm sure we've forgotten some detail. So please, if you or your skater see something that needs to be done or communicated, please go ahead and do it (if you can) or find France, Louise, Julie or myself and let us know (if you can't). It takes a village (maybe a town) to make this show happen. And it's happenin'! Thank you all for pulling together to get us this far. This will be an awesome show!

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