

Hackett Theater Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS TECH SATURDAY?

Tech Saturday is a day to refine and pull together the technical aspects of the show, including lighting, sound, and props. It is scheduled on the Friday or Saturday before opening night and **attendance of the entire cast and crew is mandatory**. If a cast or crew member does not attend, he or she could be dropped from the show. If scheduled for Friday, tech will start around 4 P.M. and run no later than 11 P.M. Saturday tech typically runs from around 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., although the students should not make other plans, even in the evening, in case we need more time. Food is provided throughout the day, including a full lunch.

WHAT IS TECH WEEK?

Tech Week is the final week of rehearsals before opening night. Parents and students should plan that these rehearsals may run as late as 10 or 11 p.m., though we try to keep them as short as possible. Cooperation and being prepared are key factors in our ability to keep these final rehearsals smooth, brief and productive. All students should be on time, in costume (if needed) and be finished with their evening meal. Starting a musical rehearsal at an earlier hour is sometimes not an option because we are dealing with community members both in our pit orchestra and technical staff. These community members have full time jobs which dictate their schedules. All notes and clean up must be completed before any students are allowed to leave.

WHAT IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE OR WEATHER ISSUES?

The schedule is subject to change; so all students should check the "call board" every day for the latest news. Major changes or cancellations due to weather will be posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/The-Official-Site-of-Hackett-Theatre-163739088256

WHAT IS STRIKE?

Strike has traditionally been held immediately after the last show. Staff, students, and some parents dismantle and store the sets, put away costumes and props and clean up the auditorium, hallway, and any classrooms that were used. **Attendance of the entire cast and crew is mandatory.** The show was created as a team and must be put away as a team. The timing of strike is yet to be determined.

WHY IS THERE A FEE AND WHAT DOES IT COVER?

As in any theatre, ticket sales alone do not cover the production costs. The theatre department, with the theatre Boosters, decided to add a small amount to the tech lunch fee to help keep the program running. It helps provide lunch, snacks and beverages on Tech Saturday, the rights to produce and videotape the show, scripts, set materials, costumes, salaries and other production costs. This fee gives each student a real stake in the show as they give of their time, talent and treasure. Though the fee is required from every participating student, if it is a financial hardship, please contact Mrs. Allbee or the Booster president and we will help.

IN CASE OF ABSENCE:

Parents MUST phone or email Mrs. Allbee by 4 P.M. on the day of the student's absence. The phone number is 381-2646 ext. 149. Email: mallbee@hackettcc.org

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

In order to practice or participate in a co-curricular event, a Hackett student should be in school by 11 a.m. Students who go home early may not participate that day. Co-curricular participation for those absent for any part of the school day must be pre-excused by a parent before 8:15 and be restricted to medical visits, funerals, court appearances, assigned and preapproved school functions or pre-approved college visits. Absences incurred to attend other events as a spectator or as a visitor do not allow for co-curricular involvement that day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Mary Kay Allbee 381-2646, x149, mallbee@hackettcp.org Booster President: Michele Buchmann, bbuchmann4615@charter.net