

SVDP 2017 Drama Club – The Lion King, Jr.



Welcome to the Totino-Grace Fine Arts Academy's production of *Lion King, Jr!*

We are excited to have your student as part of the cast! The process your student will be part of will be like no other. There will be a great deal of learning, chances to build new friendships, and a lot of singing, dancing, and acting. Because theatre is a fast-paced experience, we would like to let you know about a few things that will occur along the way.

1. **Rehearsals:** Rehearsals are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, **1:45-3:15pm**. Every student will be called to all rehearsals, *unless noted*.

***NOTE: There will be 2 added Thursday rehearsals:
September 14th and September 21st.**

Please encourage your children to use their time (**1:30-1:45pm**) wisely. Eating snack using the restroom are activities that should be done BEFORE rehearsal starts.

Students should bring their scripts, a pencil, and a water bottle to every rehearsal. There will not be scheduled mid-rehearsal breaks (incidental breaks and bathroom trips are fine). There will occasionally be “down-time” at rehearsal; students will be expected to respectfully watch their peers rehearse quietly and/or bring a quiet activity (read a book, homework).

Rehearsal schedule may change. Please check the rehearsal schedule carefully and read every communication for changes.

2. **Casting:** To the best of their ability, your directors will place each student in a role where he or she will be able to succeed to the fullest. EVERY PERSON is an important piece of our “puzzle” and “family,” and the entire show feels the void when one person is missing.

3. **Expectations:** Each of our rehearsals is **90** minutes long. Attention, focus, and hard work will be expected for the full length of every rehearsal. Unlike sports, where a substitute can

take the place of an absent player, in theatre each student's role is unique and necessary to the show. Absences, tardiness, and lack-of-focus have a direct effect on everyone's quality of the experience. That said, a child with a contagious illness should remain at home.

4. Practice Outside of Rehearsal Time: Because of the short rehearsal period, students must practice outside of rehearsals. To help your student have the best possible experience with the musical, grown-up involvement is important. While adults should encourage children to practice outside of rehearsal time, the responsibility for practicing falls on the children themselves. A practice CD of the songs will be provided, as will deadlines for memorization of song lyrics/speaking lines.

5. Costumes: The costumes for the show will not be seen by the students until children arrive at the Totino-Grace theatre for Tech Week. More details (including whether children will need to provide any pieces or parts) to come.

6. Tech Week and Performances: "Tech" rehearsals (when we add in the technical elements of the show: set, props, costumes, lights, sound, etc.) are all week, Monday - Friday, Nov 6-10 from 2:30-4:30pm in the theatre at Totino-Grace High School.

Performances are **Saturday, November 11, at 2:00 pm and 7:00pm and Sunday, November 12, at 2:00pm**. Students are called 1 hour before the show starts.

Students are expected to attend all tech rehearsals and performances.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Lyngen, parent volunteer, at kimlyngen@saintvdp.org

P.S. Parent volunteers! We will need a few parent volunteers, especially for tech week and performances. Kim Lyngen will send further communications about volunteer needs—stay tuned!!