

Hello Cast & Parents!

I am so excited to be able to say that we will begin rehearsals for *The Sound of Music* on Monday, July 6 and will be performing August 13, 14, and 15! Below is some important information, so please read it all!

Answers to some of your immediate questions:

- **Rehearsals:** We will be generally following our Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday rehearsal schedule with a few exceptions on days the sanctuary is not available to us.
- **Rehearsal Times:** We will generally be rehearsing starting around 6:30 or 7:00 pm and going until 10:00 pm for several reasons: 1) This keeps all rehearsal times the same and allows our adult volunteers to participate. 2) It allows for parents to get home from work, dinner to take place and then rides to rehearsal. 3) Since there is no school early the next morning or homework, students can stay up later. 4) This mimics a typical community theatre schedule and allows students to experience what that is like.
- **Performances:** Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 pm, Friday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, Aug. 15 at 2:00 pm, and Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 pm.
- **Numbers Allowed/Tickets:** At this time, we know we can do performances with at least parents buying tickets and attending. We hope that as restrictions are lifted we will be allowed to increase that number. We will make sure that the same number of tickets are available to each family. We are still pursuing doing a livestream of one performance, however we are still unsure if this can happen. Because of the large sanctuary at City Church, we will be able to easily seat people while practicing social distancing.
- **Health and Safety:** Attached to this email is a document containing the health and safety procedures we will be following for rehearsals. We know that each of you may be in a different place on the "cautious to confident scale" regarding COVID-19. We want to ensure you that we are making rehearsals and performances as safe as possible while also committing to rehearsing and performing. I believe live theatre is integral to our culture and human spirit and I believe that we are honoring that by finding a way to perform, while also being safe. Things may not look the way we thought they would, but we are still doing theatre. The Health and Safety guidelines have been written with this in mind and should answer your questions in these areas.
- **Important Meeting:** We need the full cast and at least one parent/guardian to attend a meeting right before our first rehearsal. The meeting will be 6:15-6:45 pm on Monday, July 6 in the City Church Sanctuary. I will be giving you more information at this meeting and will be able to answer any more questions you may have.
- **Video Rehearsals:** We will have 2 large group video check-ins **this Saturday at 3pm** and **Monday at 8:30am**. This is a super informal check in to see how everyone is doing and catch up as a group. You only need to attend 1 of the meetings. Please let me know if you can't make either of those. Here is the link to the room we will be using. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2760141933?pwd=c0JGc1QzRzdoSXk0aGdqOERhYlQ1dz09> or the ID is 276 014 1933 and password is 149584. We will also be running

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scenes and reviewing choreography in the next 2 weeks so it is very important that you fill out the doodle poll below ASAP!

### Things you need to do:

- **Send any conflicts you may have to BOTH Pastor Sarah and Kelsey so they can be approved.** If you have already done so, you do not need to send them again. We will do our best to work with conflicts as we are aware it's summer, but we need everyone to be at tech and dress rehearsals and performances. We very much want everyone to be at as many of the full runs, off books and rehearsals with the orchestra as possible.
- **Add your conflicts to the calendar below.** Even if they haven't been approved yet, please add them to the calendar as it saves Kelsey a lot of extra work. Please list the student's name and time they are unavailable between the hours of Noon to 10pm. If they are unavailable for the entire afternoon/evening leave the time space blank. There is an example provided on July 1.
- **Look over your music and scripts.** Try to be off book (memorized) completely when you return. Please review lines and lyrics before we do a video run through of each scene!
- **Continue to be careful** in your contacts and activities so that we all can remain safe.
- **Fill out the doodle poll by Saturday at 3pm** (again, sorry) if you are the Captain, Maria, the children, Franz, Frau Schmit, Max, Elsa, Rolf, and the 3 Sisters. <https://doodle.com/poll/duaa466vw6drgjec>
- **Submit 2 more vocal clips of your choosing.** They are due June 26 and July 3. This is required for everyone! If your role does not sing in the show, please sing the clips from the Taste of the Arts. Everyone should be singing with RehearseScore as your accompaniment. Please refer to my email a couple months ago for download instructions. I am also available most any time to assist if needed. Here is the turn in folder for the 2 clips.

### [Vocal Clip Turn In](#)

### Attached to this email:

- **Health & Safety Procedures for Rehearsals** - PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY - these are for your health and safety and we need you to follow them. Health & Safety Procedures for Tech & Dress Rehearsals & Performances will be sent out at a later date.
- **Overall Calendar**
- **Detailed Calendars for the first two weeks.** Note: The first weeks have longer rehearsals so that we can review the entire show before getting into runs.
- **Conflict Calendar** - Please add all conflicts both if they have been approved and if they haven't!

Looking forward to seeing you all and creating theatre with you!

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**Pastor Sarah**

If there is anything else I forgot, please feel free to ask! I'm sure there will be lots of questions going forward as we figure this out together!

Thanks!

Kelsey