

NSS 2019 VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, APRIL 27, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Fairfield Woods Middle School Auditorium

Calling all singers, dancers, comedians, puppeteers, instrumentalists, magicians, and all performers! Dust off your dancin' shoes, clear your voice, practice your instruments, and get your groove on! It's time for the NSS Variety Show and we want you up on stage!

We offer a non-judgmental, supportive, creative and downright fun environment for both polished performers and beginners who have never been on a stage. Kids will be able to express themselves in a medium of their own choosing, knowing that they are surrounded by enthusiastic volunteers and an audience that will welcome their efforts with open arms and thunderous applause!

We welcome any original act that a student or group of students would like to perform: instrumentals, gymnastics, poetry readings, singing, ballet, skit, or maybe something we haven't ever seen before!

Do you like to be the center of attention? Then you could be an Emcee! "Emcee", or "M.C." means "Master of Ceremonies", and you're the person that announces the acts and keeps things moving!

Don't want to perform on stage? We need great "stagehands" AKA Backstage crew - people who help out backstage - as well! Stagehands help get the props on and off stage in between acts, hand mics to performers, open and close the curtains, and sometimes run the lights!

Please fill out the appropriate portion of the application below and return it to school in an envelope marked: "VARIETY SHOW APPLICATION", and also marked "ACT", "EMCEE" or "BACKSTAGE CREW."

On to "The Guidelines"... Now it may seem like there are a lot of rules, but the purpose is to ensure that rehearsals and performances move along swiftly and seamlessly, with a minimum amount of stress for performers and volunteers. We want to put on the best NSS Variety Show ever!!!!!!!

READ THEM CAREFULLY PLEASE!

Questions re: performances/ material, student & parent volunteers:

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GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMANCES

PERFORMERS:

NO ONE may be in more than one act.

This means no special appearances (even if you are in the background)

The **ONLY** exception is to **5th grade** Emcees.

They may appear in 1 act and Emcee

PARENT ADVISOR: Each act must have a parent advisor. This parent will be the primary contact between the directors and performers and their parents. **The parent advisor is also to be present at all rehearsals, the performance night and responsible for keeping their performers “in-check.”**

REHEARSALS: Attendance at rehearsals is **mandatory**. These rehearsals are critical to the success of a great show and are necessary to put the children at ease and have them fully prepared for the night of their performance.

ACT: No act may exceed **2 (two) minutes**. We need to keep the show moving, and we will have lots of acts, so if you need to edit your music or your act, you must do so *before* the dress rehearsal.

NEW THIS YEAR: Closing act performed by all grades/performers. We will give you more details during the first rehearsal. Please make plans to stay for the full show 😊

CONTENT: You must include the song name if your act is using music.

We are not allowing more than 2 of the same song on one night. So please have a backup song. (Songs will be based on a first come first serve of when your application is received.)

PLEASE review the act carefully before the first rehearsal. Take special note of the lyrics to songs, content of the skit, costumes, etc. The performance should be acceptable for ALL audiences. Please remember that what might be acceptable for a 5th grader might not be comfortable for kindergartners and their families. Let's keep it clean, folks!

PROPS: Due to space issues, we will not be able to “house” your props at the school. Please be prepared to transport your props. Also, with those space issues we cannot have parents in the backstage area at rehearsals or on show night (with the exception of volunteers). The Backstage Crew will be handling ALL props at rehearsals and on show nights.

REGISTRATIONS will NOT be accepted without details (content, type of act, song name, act name, names of performers). NO “TBD” registrations please. This is so we do not have duplicate performances.

COMMITMENT: We ask you and your parents to carefully consider the time commitment required by the Variety Show schedule. It is critical that **YOU MUST ATTEND ALL ASSIGNED REHEARSAL DATES**. Please check your calendar for conflicts before committing to the show! (Emcees and backstage Crew must be present for the entirety of all the rehearsals, so that they may become familiar with the acts) So please check your soccer, baseball, basketball, piano, karate, doctor, dentist, vet, flower-picking schedules, and make sure you have no conflicts!

MATERIALS: Each act MUST come to the first rehearsal with ALL required materials, e.g., sheet music, recorded music, and props. You are solely responsible for supplying everything you need for your act. We do not supply any music, props, or costumes.

EQUIPMENT:

- 3 cordless microphones, which can be handheld, or used on a mic stand. We **do not** have headsets or “wearable” mics.
- If you are playing electric guitar you must *bring your own extension chord and amplifier*.
- For piano acts, You must provide your own piano. In the passed we’ve had one family provide the keyboard/piano for all piano players to use, for simplicity.

Music:

- All music must be submitted to the DJ before the dress rehearsal. Either via CD or email. Our DJ is Andrew Kolaski (info@aplusaudiovisual.com)
- YOU MUST BRING YOUR MUSIC WITH YOU TO THE ACT PREVIEW.** I will have a speaker to sync your device provided it has Bluetooth. Be prepared! You will not be allowed to perform without your music, so please plan accordingly.

SINGERS (and other speaking performers):

- No lip synching is allowed. We want to hear your own voice! Karaoke music can be found at www.letssingit.com or www.singstation.com.
- Because there are no headsets or “wearable” mics, please keep that in mind if you are combining singing or talking with dancing or other movement you must be able to move around holding a wired mic, or you must be in front of a mic stand when you sing or speak in order to be heard.

EMCEE: Emcee is open to 5th graders only on a first come first serve basis. If we need more, we will reach out to the 4th grade class. There will be 6 emcees chosen for the night. There will be 3 for the first ½ and 3 for the second ½. All Emcee’s are required to stay the whole time to support your fellow emcees. Emcee’s are required to make all dates listed below.

BACKSTAGE CREW: Back stage crew is open to 4th and 5th graders. There will be 4 spots for back stage crew. 2 will help out the first ½ and 2 will help out the second ½. Back stage crew is required to be present the whole show to support each other. I will also need one 5th grade helper to manage all the backstage crew. All Backstage Crew is required to make all dates listed below.

PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE CAREFULLY!

- Act Preview Tuesday, March 12th @ NSS APR (6:15-7:30 in 5 minute slots)
- Act Preview Wednesday, March 13th @NSS APR (6:15-7:30 in 5 minute slots)
- First Rehearsal: Monday, April 8th 5-7pm @ Fairfield Woods Middle School Auditorium
- Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, APRIL 25th 5-7pm Fairfield Woods Middle school Auditorium
- Show Night Saturday, April 27th 7 p.m. Fairfield Woods Middle School Auditorium

Follow this [link](#) to sign up for your Act Preview on either Tuesday, March 12th or Wednesday, March 13th between 6:15 and 7:30pm.

Please be advised NO child/children may be dismissed directly to rehearsal from an after school program or from ECC. They MUST be dismissed to a Parent Advisor. No exception. Thanks!!!.

(Application is on the next page)

NSS 2019 VARIETY SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

DUE: FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2019

Please fill out what pertains to you and enclose form in an Envelope labeled:
Variety Show (Martina Kozeracki 3M) – also write ACT, EMCEE or Backstage Crew.

Parent Advisor, Email & Cell

Second Parent Advisor, Email and Cell (optional)

Circle one: ACT EMCEE Backstage Crew

*We will notify when your Act, MC or backstage crew request has been approved.

ACT NAME

1. _____ 2. _____

1st and 2nd Song choice

Details of Act

Props needed

Please write: Participants name and grade below clearly:
(Even if you are requesting to be an MC or Backstage Crew rep.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

(You can add more participants on the back- there is no max)