



UIL District 8 One-Act Play
NOTES & AGENDAS
OFFICIAL TECH REHEARSAL



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Wear your Theatre Spirit Shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes. You will receive \$8.00 for lunch

PHILLIPS- bring District Awards and Programs. Pick up checks from Chance

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CONTEST

Date: Saturday, March 9th, 2024
Call Time: 8:00 AM
Depart Time: 8:30 AM
Where: Argyle High School
Director's Meeting: 10:00 AM
1st show starts: 11:00 AM Argyle High School
There will be a critique after each school performance
We are 5th, *around 3:00 PM
Awards: *5:30-6:00 PM (approximately)
Dinner: 6:30 PM at _____
Arrive at DHS: *7:30 PM (approximately)

Wear your OAP Hoodie blue jeans, and tennis shoes. BRING AWARDS Outfit.
You will receive \$8.00 for lunch to use for dinner.



Dear Students, Parents and Family members,

We cannot wait to share this journey with you, and with our community!

Last year for OAP we endured a lot of obstacles. Let's hope that this year our OAP journey is a bit more beautiful!

For these seniors, this is their last chance to perform in the OAP District competition and we want to give them the best opportunity we can! It has been a wild ride and we are so lucky to have been a small part of it!

The official tech rehearsals and contest days are extremely important, and most importantly- **stressful**. Please understand that your kiddo may be feeling that stress and we wanted you to be aware of this. This is normal, however, but with all the sickness, and missed school days, and missed rehearsals, the 'normal stress' may be a bit heavier this year. As always, we will do our best to overcome them. It is of the utmost importance that all company members be present in the last days before the contest. When we are all present, this reduces the stress and raises our confidence level. On that note...

Parents- We have a few things we need to remind you of.

First of all, we appreciate you loaning your child with us, but please let us know in a timely manner if your family will be out of town and miss rehearsals or contests. Family emergencies arise we completely understand, but when we are not informed in a reasonable time that your child can't attend rehearsal, or a contest, it throws a huge wrench in our program and causes more stress and anxiety on the students who do show up. A simple email as soon as you know works best.

Decorum and audience etiquette during all performances, especially ours.

Audience members are expected to not draw attention to themselves. This means no outburst of emotions that would steal focus from the performance or 'persuade' the judges and audience members that our show was incredibly moving. That could be grounds for a disqualification and a sanction for two years if the UIL State director deems necessary. We are not saying you can't weep or applaud, but you can not draw attention to yourself and to our company. This also applies to babies and

small children who like to be vocal. We love for family members to attend but we have to think of the performing students first. I can't tell you how many performances and contests I missed (even while competing) because of my own children. I get it- I do!

The only people who are allowed in the dressing room areas and holding rooms are the directors and the company members. Family, friends and even administrators are not allowed backstage before, during or after the performances.

All Decatur students are expected to remain with the company at all times and not stray away to be with family or friends. After our show you might feel compelled to steal them away from us but they have tasks to do. This contest we will have our critique immediately following. Yes, you can come down to listen, but please leave enough room for our students to sit and listen to critique. Quick hugs and handshakes are permissible AFTER your child is out of costume and makeup, but the students are a part of the company until we arrive back at school and after the trailer is unloaded. NO EXCEPTIONS. I appreciate your understanding of this.

About the placement of the schools and awards- We will practice decorum. Please keep in mind that our art is subjective and not every judge will see our show and our individual acting in the same light as another judge. If we advance, we win with modest composure/style and will not draw attention to ourselves! If we do not advance, we lose with grace. We will applaud the advancers. We will shake their hand and say "Bravo" to a great show. We will thank the judges for their services. We will be thankful for our competitive journey. We will bring back the judge's wisdom and work our craft to put on more public performances. We will not cry uncontrollably. We will not speak negatively about any other show or performance or audience member. If you must feel that speaking negatively about another show, please do that away from the competition site. *"Save it for the bus"*

Please note that our OAP Bi-District rehearsal and contest falls after Spring Break and right before Easter break. Please, PLEASE, communicate travel plans with me ASAP so that I can work around them or substitute a student in the event your kiddo is unavailable. I will be submitting our Bi-District entry soon after our District contest, should we advance, and if you/your kiddo will be unavailable, I need to substitute another available student in.

The week after Spring Break we will be hosting the 2A District 13 OAP Contest. I will need student workers, I will need concessions. I'll keep you posted later on that.

Awards Ceremony

The following awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony. Companies should politely clap for those winning awards. **There should be no whistling, screaming, shouting, or overly enthusiastic celebrations. There will be no excessive whaling or boos should we not get individual awards or advance.**

- Best Technician from each school
- Best overall Tech Crew
- Eight Honorable Mention
- Eight All-Star Cast
- Two Best Performers
- One Alternate advancing play
- Three Advancing Plays

GENERAL INFORMATION

FORMS

Please make sure that all forms are turned in: permission slips, teacher sign off's, etc. Hopefully the permissions/sign offs will be ready on Wednesday.

ADMISSION to CONTESTS

Admission to the District 8 UIL OAP contest in Argyle is currently unknown. The last time we had an audience at District the admission was free.

The contests start at 11:00 AM and they run back to back. Most shows run 35-39 minutes, plus set up and strike. This year each school will receive a critique after each performance. We are 5th. If you plan to see our show, please arrive at Argyle by 2:00 PM to give you ample time to see the show. If you arrive after 2:30 there could be a chance you will miss the show.

There is no late admittance and once you leave the auditorium, you will not be allowed back in.

What students should Wear or Bring to Contest

OAP Hoodie	Decatur Theatre Shirt	Jeans (no holes)	makeup remover
Make-up	Tennis shoes	Blacks (for Tech)	Show Bag
portable charger	Awards outfit w/ shoes	Pillow/Blanket/eye mask	
Make-up, sponges, curling iron, hairspray		Your assigned snack (If applicable)	

It is a long day so there may be a little down time. Please allow your kiddo to bring a pillow/blanket, and eye mask to nest in a corner of a classroom for our quiet time. We can dim the lights but cannot turn off all the lights in the room, hence the eye mask.

AWARDS OUTFITS: We always dress similarly. We are wearing black and our accent color is purple.

FOOD

There will be a concession stand at Argyle HS.

SNACKS: Each student will be assigned to bring a snack or beverage item for the company. We were an official company of 22-24 students plus 3-4 directors. Traditionally, we pack each company and director a snack bag.

SNACK BAGS: students will be assigned one of the following. Each item should be individually packaged.

_____ Juice pouches	_____ crackers	_____ water	_____ fruit snacks
_____ chips	_____ cookies	_____ candy	_____ Lunch sacks ?
_____ sodas	_____	_____	

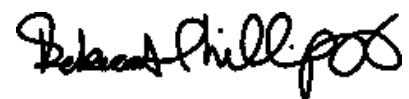
OAP PROP FOOD: We must have apple juice for our show, and donuts and snacks for Jason.

STUDENTS MUST RIDE THE BUS BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO HELP UNLOAD THE BUS.

No students can leave with their parents until after they are dismissed from unloading and putting away our props & costumes, etc from Decatur. **NO**

EXCEPTIONS. If there is another UIL activity that a student must attend after the awards ceremony, we will iron out details when we cross that bridge. There will be days when there will be an event taking place at our school the following day and we cannot 'throw stuff off the bus and run.' We appreciate your patience.

Thank you again, and please read the information carefully. I know this is new to many of you and there are lots of rules and regulations and it can be overwhelming.



~Ms. Phillips

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After we arrive back at school, we will pack liquids, foods, costumes, makeup, and electronics as those go with us on the bus. If snacks are brought on Friday, we can pack them as well.

6:00 PM Gather your awards outfit, pack for contest day.
8:00 PM Bedtime.

NOTES

Friday is Full Disclosure rehearsal. We take everything **but** costumes, mirrors, makeup, food and snacks. We must have all liquids (prop wine)

We will leave everything behind in Argyle except *electronics and liquids/foods and anything that broke. We will take a tool bag with us and an emergency kit but we bring that back with us, too.

We will need ALL HANDS ON stage to set and spike the stage with the actors and tech run a cue to cue and we check lights and sound levels. Everyone needs to feel comfortable.

UIL DISTRICT 8 OAP CONTEST @ ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL

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SATURDAY CONTEST DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

Tentative schedule

***NOTICE:** The times below are **APPROXIMATE** after the performance of the first show. The following serves as a 'guideline' for planning purposes only. All shows run back to back with a critique following each performance. We will follow this agenda as closely as possible.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
	BREAKFAST IS ON YOUR OWN
8:00 AM	Arrival at DHS in OAP Hoodie & jeans /Roll call/Check prop & food list
8:15 AM	Load/Pack the bus with food props, costumes/awards outfits
8:30 AM	Leave for Argyle
9:30 AM	Arrive at Argyle
9:35 AM	Check into our dressing room; find a place to nest. Make sure that all computers and electronics are charging and that prop food is prepped.
10:00 AM	Director's Meeting / Deliver Good Show Gifts
10:00	Line Through
10:30	Work moments
11:00 AM	First Show- Lake Worth- The Tin Woman
	Ms. Phillips will work moments with actors
*11:40 AM	Lake Worth is done
11:45	Quiet time / Hair and Makeup
*11:45 AM	Lake Worth Critique
*12:00 PM	Set for second show
	Line through with cues called.
*12:10 PM	Second Show- Springtown- The Back Cover
*12:50 PM	Springtown is done
*12:55 PM	Springtown Critique
*1:05 PM	Set of third show
*1:15 PM	Third Show- Krum- Over the River and Through the Woods
*1:55 AM	Krum is done
*2:00 PM	Krum Critique

- *2:15 AM Set for fourth show
 We are ready for the show. Final checks. Final warm-ups.
 Actors get into character.
 QUIET TIME. Total focus.
- *2:25 PM **Fourth Show- Bridgeport- Nasty Things, Murders**
- *3:05 PM Bridgeport is done
- *3:10 PM Bridgeport Critique
- *3:25 PM **Set of Fifth show- LET'S DO THIS**
- *3:35 PM **Fifth Show- Decatur- A Rock Sails By**
- *4:15 AM *Decatur is done*
- *4:20 PM *Decatur Critique*
- *4:25 PM Set Up for sixth show-
 Debrief in classroom
- *4:30 PM **Get out of costume/makeup**
- *4:35 PM **Sixth Show- Castleberry- Kodachrome**
- *5:15 PM Castleberry is done
- *5:20 PM Castleberry Critique
- *5:35 PM All performances are done
 All personal items are packed, the room is clean, get ready for awards.
- *6:00 PM *TBD Awards presentation
- *6:35 PM Leave for Decatur
- *6:45 PM Grab dinner at _____
- *8:00 PM Arrive back at Decatur /Unpack Bus and Truck

LOOKING AHEAD

Should we advance, we will repeat this same process after Spring Break and before Easter Break

UIL OAP Bi-District 7 / 8 CONTEST **CM:** Ginger Gilbert Matthews

Dates: March 27 & 28

Sites: Lake Dallas

Bi District Judges:

District 7 Schools: Burkburnett, Gainesville, Sanger, Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls Hirschi