



St. Felicitas Talent Show Guidelines – 2017

February 13, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are making every effort to clearly communicate the details of this year's Talent Show. *Please review these guidelines with your child(ren) prior to submitting the permission slip.* The permission slip must be submitted at the mandatory talent show lunch meeting on February 23rd.

Mandatory Lunch Meeting, Thursday, February 23rd 12:00 noon

Please bring your 2 minutes of music already downloaded to CD, the printed lyrics and permission slip to this meeting.

You will not be able to participate if you do not have these items at this meeting!

Tryout Date: Tuesday, February 28th 3:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Practice/Dress Rehearsals: Monday, May 8th & Thursday, May 11th 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Performances: Friday, May 12th at 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

General Guidelines:

Each performance should be no longer than 2:00 minutes in length.

- Costumes may not be revealing, suggestive, contain inappropriate language or designs. Examples of inappropriate design are including, but not limited to, profanity, gang, drug or alcohol references, racial slurs or anything else deemed inappropriate or in poor taste.
- Costumes will be required at the dress rehearsal on May 8th. If students are unsure if a costume is appropriate, they may bring their costume to the Talent Show Coordinator, prior to the dress rehearsal on May 8th make sure it is appropriate.
- The Talent Show Coordinators, or their designees, have the authority to disallow costumes as presented at the first dress rehearsal should they not meet the aforementioned guidelines.
- Students must come to the tryout and lunch meeting prepared. **If CD is not brought to the lunch meeting, the student(s) will not participate.** Dance or Vocal Music must be presented and available at the tryouts. If students do not have their music or instruments available at the tryouts, they may not be allowed participate.
- Students may appear in one act only.

Song Selection Guidelines

- Songs chosen must not contain profanity, suggestive language or vulgar lyrics. **Parents are asked to review the music with your student** for appropriateness. Even though the version of the song may state “clean version”, if the subject matter to which the song refers is obviously inappropriate, the student(s) will not be allowed to use it for the show.
- Students will be required to present their CD when they turn in their permission slip. Printed lyrics must be attached to the Parent Permission slip.
- If the song is in a foreign language, the printed lyrics must be translated into English.
- Any student or group of students that will be performing to or playing any songs that are a compilation must check each song for appropriateness. If the general theme of the entire song is blatantly inappropriate, then none of that song may be used in the compilation. Students are encouraged to have their music pre-screened by the Talent Show Coordinator or their designee.

Vocal Performance

- Songs must meet the selection guidelines listed above and **singing along with an artist’s vocals will NOT be allowed**. Accompaniment CDs must **not** have lead vocals. Karaoke tracks are usually available online and in local stores for most songs.

Dance Performance

- Dance should not allow or encourage full body contact with the dance partner
- Dance should not include sexually suggestive body movements, e.g. hip thrusts
- Dance should not include touching private areas of the body.
- Music must meet the song selection guidelines listed above.

Dramatic Reading, Spoken Word or Stand Up Comedy Guidelines

- All material must be submitted in writing attached to the Parent Permission form. The student will be notified prior to the auditions whether or not the material is appropriate, or if changes need to be made.
- All material must be performed, as written, at the dress rehearsals. If there are any additions to the script, they must be reviewed and approved prior to the dress rehearsals.
- If the performer deviates from the script while on stage, they will be omitted from the rest of the performance.

Use of Musical Instruments or Band Performances

- Music must meet the song selection guidelines. Song title and written lyrics must be submitted with the Parent Permission form.
- A piano is available for use for auditions, dress rehearsals and the performance
- All instruments or equipment must be used for tryouts and dress rehearsals.
- Students requiring the use of any other instruments, equipment, amplifiers or lighting are responsible for supplying, setting up and tearing down their own equipment.
- Any instruments or equipment needed for tryouts, dress rehearsals, or the performances, must be out of the way of other acts and not stored in such a way that it becomes a tripping or safety hazard.
- Any instruments or equipment used is used at the owner’s risk. St. Felicitas assumes no liability for the safekeeping of such instruments or equipment.