

Subject: Welcome to Broadway North's The Lion King JR.!

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Hello, Broadway North families!

The time has finally arrived! We've been busy planning choreography, studying music scores, reviewing costume sketches, and preparing all the pieces that will bring this production to life. We are so excited to finally begin working on *The Lion King JR.* with your kiddos!

Our parent orientation meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre**. At this meeting, you will:

- Meet the team working with your children
- Receive an overview of the rehearsal calendar
- Review cast expectations and our attendance policy
- Learn more about tech week and performances
- Hear any other production information we have ready to share
- Have an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification

The agenda is very parent-focused, so cast members do not need to attend. However, if they need to come with you for childcare purposes—or simply really want to tag along—we certainly won't turn them away! 😊

Our first weekend is a double-header!

We will rehearse on both **Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13** at the following times:

- **Junior cast:** 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- **Intermediate and senior cast:** 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Scripts

If your cast member was assigned a principal role—a named role on the cast list—they should already have picked up a script. That copy is theirs to mark up, study, and use throughout the production. If they have not yet picked it up, please make arrangements to do so before Saturday. All other cast members will receive a script at rehearsal on Saturday, either a full script or a copied duotang. Cast members must bring their scripts to every rehearsal.

Sunday, September 13 is headshots 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please wear a solid color shirt or bunny hugger - NO prints - Black or white shirt preferably.

Forms

Please be sure to fill out the Media Release form and Lunch Permission Slip.

There will be copies at the box office on Thursday and on Saturday and Sunday as well.

Join us on BAND

If you have not already done so, please join our BAND group:

<https://band.us/n/aea3bc70Y3YcT>

Along with email and our website, BAND will be one of our main communication hubs. We'll use it to share files, music, choreography videos, rehearsal candids, announcements, and other important materials.

The app also includes a calendar where you can RSVP for rehearsals. Please use this feature whenever your child will be absent in addition to emailing broadwaynorth@citypa.com. We also appreciate RSVPs when your child **will** be attending—it lets us know that you have seen the rehearsal and are active in the app!

A note about attendance

Putting together a theatre production is very different from participating on a volleyball or hockey team, or even in a choir or band. Each week, we learn new material while continuing to review and build upon everything learned previously.

A cast member's presence—or absence—doesn't affect only their own learning. It also affects the castmates who rely on them for staging, entrances, exits, choreography, dialogue, and ensemble work. Unlike a sports position, another cast member cannot simply step into their place for the day. For that reason, our attendance policy caps absences at **three missed rehearsals**, and all cast members must be available for the scheduled performances.

We understand that illness, emergencies, and unavoidable conflicts happen, and most children may need to miss a rehearsal here or there. When a conflict can reasonably be avoided, however, we ask that families **please prioritize rehearsal**. We have only ten rehearsals to put this fantastic show together, and we want every child to step onto that stage feeling prepared, confident, and ready to shine!

What to bring

Please send your child with:

- A school-friendly, nut-free lunch, if staying for the full day
- Enough nut-free snacks for the day
- A labelled water bottle
- Their script or rehearsal duotang

Cast members will have a morning snack break, and those attending for the full day will also have lunch and an afternoon snack break, so please pack accordingly.

We are so excited to welcome everyone and begin this adventure together. Thank you for trusting us with your incredible kids—we can't wait to see what we create!

See you soon!

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