



## Everything You Wanted to Know About the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual McKenzie PTA Variety Show

Q: Just what is the Variety Show?

A: The Variety Show is an annual musical revue, written, directed and produced by McKenzie Parents and Staff.

Q: Why is it such a big deal?

A: For 29 years, parents have been putting a lot of time and effort into the show and love performing for the kids and the community at large. In return, the kids and community love seeing the performance.

Q: When is the Variety Show this year?

A: There are 6 performances:

Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 13, 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm

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Q: Why do I have to buy a ticket -- can't I just show up when I want to come?

A: Fortunately, or unfortunately, the Variety Show is such a popular event that it historically sells out every night. We can only allow ticket holders into the auditorium.

Q: They sell out -- wow -- like how fast?

A: All of the shows usually sell out during the first couple days of ticket sales.

Q: How much are the tickets and when do they go on sale?

A: The tickets are \$7.00 each -- cash or check only. The box office (a table in the school lobby) opens February 23, 2009 from 8:45-9:15, 3-3:30 and will be open at those times every day until all the tickets are sold. You or your child must purchase a ticket in person -- there is *no* back pack express for tickets.

Q: What if I missed the sales and can't get a ticket?

A: Call Colette Donnelly at 847-853-8136 and put your name on a waiting list for returned tickets.

Q: What if I need financial assistance in order to get a ticket?

A: We want to make sure you can come to the Variety Show. Please let Dr. Welter know by February 25 if you need financial assistance.

Q: Are there assigned seats?

A: Most seating is on a first come, first serve basis -- and there are no "bad seats." Seats in the front two rows are usually reserved.

Q: How long is the evening?

A: The ticket-holder queue can begin as much as 45 minutes before the doors open. The auditorium doors open 15 minutes before the show. The show typically runs one hour. Post show cast meet and greet usually lasts 30 minutes. Budget for approximately 7:00-9:00pm or 1:00-3:00pm for the matinee.

Q: I've seen kids with T-shirts from past Variety Shows with signatures on them - what's that about?

A: Every year, there is a commemorative T-shirt of the Show. A lot of kids will wear their shirts to the show (the auditorium also gets hot). After the performance, everyone is invited to meet and greet the cast in the gym where the cast will autograph shirts and programs. An order form went home in backpack express. T-shirts are \$12 and will be sold before and after school March 2 and 3.

Q: My child wants to go every night, is that OK?

A: If you are able to get a ticket for every night, fine. But we'd like everyone to have the opportunity to see the show ,and going every night might take a ticket away from somebody who couldn't get one.

We hope we've answered some of your questions and can't wait to see you at the Show.