

FAQ What are the days and times for MainStage?

Understanding the PGT MainStage Schedule... in 5 Easy Steps

1. When we receive your registration form, we will send you a **Conflict Form**, on which you fill in all of your child's activities - soccer, dance class, etc. as well as weekends away, etc. Basically, you provide your entire family calendar for the entire season.
2. **Each show has its own rehearsal schedule of 2 evenings per week and occasional Sundays. And each show has its own performance dates.** When our actors audition for us, they are auditioning for the entire season – meaning, they will be considered for all MainStage shows that season. During casting, we look at the complete pool of actors and cast each child in one show, based on the auditions, as well as the restrictions of each child's schedule (i.e. If one show is performing on May 15, and your child will be at a wedding on May 15, he can't be in that particular show, in which case, he gets cast in one of the other shows.)
3. **Once the shows are cast, we create a set rehearsal schedule for each show** (i.e. Mon/Wed, Tues/Thurs, Mon/Thurs, etc.) based on the conflicts of the actors in the cast, as well as staff schedules and the overall PGT calendar. We do all we can to work around the conflicts of every child. **When we call you with casting, we also tell you the show's rehearsal days and performance dates.**
4. Then, each director creates a monthly rehearsal schedule detailing exactly what scenes we are working at each rehearsal and who is needed. **So, while the show rehearses twice a week, your child won't necessarily be called to every rehearsal, or to the full night of each rehearsal. Weekday rehearsals are typically 6pm to 9pm.** We plan each rehearsal down to the hour so that the time commitment is manageable for the actors - and parents! Our actors do not spend a lot of time sitting around the theatre while other kids are rehearsing. When they are here, they are busy. When they aren't going to be busy, they aren't scheduled to be here. These schedules are sent each month, so you have plenty of time to plan ahead and make carpool arrangements, etc.
5. The final week before opening is tech week. Rehearsals are held every day that week, Sunday-Thursday. **Tech rehearsals require full attendance from every actor.**

Understanding the PGT Design/Tech Schedule...

1. When registering, students choose the D/T section (weekly day and time) based on their regular availability.
2. D/T students follow their weekly schedule throughout the season. If they are going to miss a session, they may have the opportunity to make the day up on one of the other D/T days.
3. Each D/T student has the opportunity to tech one or more MainStage show - working lights, sound, wardrobe and/or running crew through Tech Week and Performances. This optional part of the program is as exciting as it is time intensive. Tech Week and Performances are serious commitments - it is intense and tiring but exciting and wonderful as we add all of our tech and design elements to our productions...and the most wonderful bonds of friendship are formed! Tech Week includes rehearsal every evening during that week, Mon - Thurs. These dates are set at the beginning of the season, so you can plan well in advance.