

Praise Kids 2026

If you and your child are ready to commit to our fall performing arts program and participate in our Christmas community outreach production, here's what you need to know:

*Registration is the first requirement to participate in the December performances. The performance dates are December 5 at 6 pm, and December 6 at 9 & 10:45 am. This year's musical is called, *The Silent Knight: A Yuletide Tale of Two Kingdoms*.*

Children ages 4 (as of September 29) through grade 8 rehearse Tuesday evenings starting August 18.

- *Ages 4 & Kindergarten rehearse from 4:30 & 5:15 pm in Room 103*
- *Grades 1 & 8 rehearse from 5:30 & 6:30 pm in the main Auditorium*

These rehearsal times will change to 5:30 & 6:15 pm for Ages 4 & Kindergarten and 5:30 & 7:30 pm for Grades 1 & 8 on Tuesday, November 10 for our ALL CAST & Choir Rehearsals. Tech and Dress Rehearsals are Tuesday through Thursday, December 1 & 3, during those same blocks of time.

There are no rehearsals on the following Tuesdays for reasons noted:

Tues, September 1 & Auditions for grades 2-8

Tues, October 27 & Fall Break

Tues, November 24 & Thanksgiving Week

Auditions for children grades 2 through 8 will be on Tuesday, September 1 or Thursday, September 3 with Call Backs on Friday, September 4 in the main Auditorium for those interested in performing an additional role in drama, dance, and/or singing a solo. Registration to audition must be done in person.

*We encourage children and students to audition in as many areas as they are interested. Most main character roles will require auditioning in Vocal (singing a solo), Dance and Drama. Attendance on either Tuesday or Thursday evening is sufficient, but your child **MUST** be available to attend Call Backs on Friday evening when desiring a part. Specific audition times for September 1 or 3 are as follows:*

- *Vocal: 5:30 & 6:30 pm*
- *Dance: 6:30 & 7:30 pm*
- *Drama: 7:30 & 8:30 pm*

Call Backs on September 4 are from 5:30 & 8:30 pm. This is the time our Production Team is looking for guidance from the Lord in making the final casting decisions so it is very important your child attends. If a child becomes part of our ALL CAST after auditions, their extended rehearsals on Tuesday evenings will be from 6:30 & 7:45 pm starting September 8. These times will extend to 8 pm for our rehearsals on October 20, November 3, 10, and 17 and change to 5 & 8 pm for our Tech & Dress Rehearsals on December 1-3.

Auditions for singing a solo for children ages 4 through Kindergarten will be held Monday, September 28 at 5:30 pm in Room 103.

Online registration is open now and in-person registrations begin Sunday, August 9. A fee is required to cover the cost of a music folder, music link, t-shirt, award, calendar and parent information. Fees for participation are:

- *Grades 1 & 8: \$45 for 1st child; \$40 for each additional child in grades 1-8*
- *Ages 4 & Kindergarten: \$35 (music folder not included)*
- *Scholarships available upon completion of request form: \$30 per child*

If you register on our website you can pick up your child's materials starting August 9 during our Sunday ENCOUNTER services or in the Children's Ministry Office (Room 413) during the week. For more info, contact Gloria, 805-901-0160 or email gneedham@encounterlife.org

