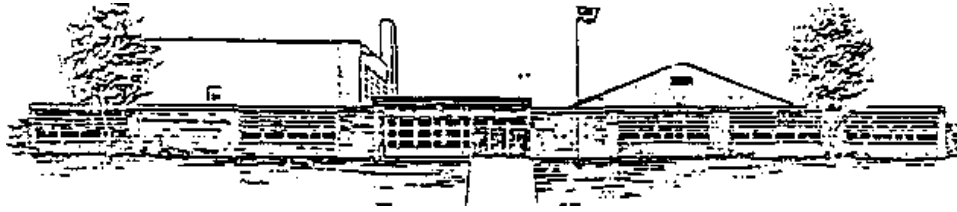


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Starkweather School Audience Etiquette

Our students are excited to be able to share their talents with the community! In an attempt to help family and friends enjoy performances, as well as making it easier for our featured performers to do their best on stage, we ask that audience members adhere to the following guidelines:

- **No talking, unless audience participation is requested by the performers.** If something must be said, whisper it quickly. Excessively shushing a talkative neighbor can be just as disturbing.
- **Noises off.** Turn off cell phones, beepers, audible watches, and any other sound-making gadgets before any performance.
- **Lights out.** Don't forget, the screen on your mobile device can be a distraction too. If you are recording, please be sure your screen brightness is turned down. No flash photography.
- **Snap, crackle, pop.** No rattling of candy boxes or ice in cups, shaking popcorn containers, or slurping drinks.
- **Control coughing.** Muffle coughs and sneezes with a handkerchief. Cough drops and mints may be helpful, but leave if you can't stop the attack.
- **Avoid other sounds that can disturb the people around you and the performers.** Munching noisily, smacking or cracking gum, rattling the pages of programs, tapping feet or drumming fingers, humming or singing along, rummaging in purses—these are just a few of the things that can disrupt those around you.
- **Dispose of trash, including chewed gum, in waste containers.**

Audience members who are unable to respect these guidelines may be asked to leave. Please help us support and encourage our students as they take the stage!

Adapted from the article titled "Audience Etiquette" from The Emily Post Institute, found at <https://emilypost.com/advice/audience-etiquette/>