



Thank you for your support of the St. Marys City Schools Performing Arts Department. For your personal enjoyment, and the enjoyment of those around you.....please observe the following guidelines for all performances held in the St. Marys Performing Arts Center.

Be on Time.

We know that everyone's lives and personal schedules are hectic! If you must come late to a performance, please wait until the music stops before being seated. This way you do not disturb others around you.

Please make a lot of noise..... *before and after the concert.*

We love to hear audiences talking in the hallway or in the PAC before and after a performance. But during a performance please remain quiet and attentive to our performers. If you have a cell phone, pager, or other electronic device, please turn it off so it does not cause a disruption. Also, please refrain from unwrapping noisy candy or gum during a performance.

Don't leave us....

unless it is for an emergency. If it becomes necessary to leave during a performance, please wait for a break in the concert if possible. This shows respect for the performers and the other audience members. Those with small children may want to sit near an aisle - just in case! Restrooms are located on the main floor of the high school.

Applaud.

Performers love to be appreciated by their audience. *But, whistling and cheering should be reserved for athletic events, not musical performances.* Please applaud politely when it is appropriate. Speaking of that: there should be no applause during different sections of a single piece of music. However, at a jazz band performance it is acceptable to applaud during a selection after solos.

Don't wave.

Your child knows who you are and that you are there - you probably brought them! ☺ While this may have been cute during kindergarten it is not acceptable or appropriate for our older students.

No eating or drinking.

There should be no food or drink in the St. Marys Performing Arts Center at any time. Our Board of Education has provided us with a wonderful facility to perform in - we want to keep it clean and looking nice!

Click. Whirr.

We encourage you to take pictures or videotape your loved one at our performances. But, please do not take flash pictures during a song. Wait until the song has finished or the group has concluded their performance so as to not distract the performers or other audience members. If you are videotaping, please be in place prior to the start of the concert.

Enjoy all of our musicians.

Please stay for the entire program - don't leave as soon as your child's portion of the concert is over! Our performers have worked hard to prepare for their performance and are proud of their efforts. All of our students deserve a full, appreciative audience to perform for.

The audience members, as well as the performers, are active participants in every concert. By following these guidelines you can set a proper example for our students and make our concerts more enjoyable for all who attend. Thank you for your assistance in modeling proper concert etiquette for our students.