If you have been around AECT for a while, you may start to notice that some of the costumes look familiar. A pirate shirt here, an apron there, a royal doublet or a wizard’s robe appearing every couple of years. That’s because we are fortunate to have enough space to store costumes and a (mental, at least) catalog system to keep track of them! An important volunteer role in maintaining the costume shop is to wash costumes after the final performance so they can be stored clean and ready to be used again. Thank you for volunteering!

Laundry Helper Duties

**Before Run**
1. Sign up to volunteer for laundry (AECT will send out a sign-up link to families involved in the current show and will also post on social media for others who might want to jump in).

**During Run**
1. Nothing!

**After Run**
1. The Costumes Crew sorts the laundry into bags of lights and darks, so everything in a bag can be washed together. You will pick up a bundle of laundry in the hall outside the cast/crew party after the final performance.
2. Bring your bag home and wash the costumes as directed. Everything in the laundry bags can be machine washed and dried. Any special instructions for the care of the costumes will be included with the bundle.
   a. Use warm water for lights and cold water for darks.
3. Return the laundered costumes to the Hannah Center as soon as possible so they can be returned to the costume inventory for future shows. Costumes can be returned folded or on hangers but please note that hangers will not be returned. They should be left in the costumes room on the second floor of the Hannah Center by Nina’s office.
Supplemental Information

- If you have any questions about laundry, feel free to contact our Costumes Crew Head, Nina Crumpton, at ncrumpt@cityofeastlansing.com.
- Any costumes requiring special handling or dry cleaning will be taken care of by the Costumes Crew Head.
- If you have a knack for organization and are interested in creating an actual catalog of costumes, please speak with Nina – this would be a tremendous undertaking and an amazing service to AECT.