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A pair of dates has been secured for the rescheduled Chase County Schools' musical, "Pirates of Penzance," according to director Randy Hayes.

Originally scheduled last October, the musical will now be staged on Monday and Tuesday nights, Jan. 25-26. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. both days.

Hayes said he was forced to postpone the musical in October due to the number of activities on the calendar and then topped off with a lot of student sickness during the final week of rehearsals.

"We just weren't ready" to stage it in October, he said.

The musical, composed by Gilbert and Sullivan, was written as a spoof on opera, Hayes said. Set in England, the story follows Frederic, whose hard-of-hearing nanny readies him for an internship as a pirate. However, it was supposed to be an internship as a pilot. When Frederic returns to civilian life after his internship at sea, his life falls apart.

The CCS cast includes 38 students, Hayes said. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 18 and all seats will be reserved.