

# Newsies Jr.

## Audition Information

<https://wmsmusical.weebly.com/>

**Audition Day: Monday, May 9 (3-5)**

Thanks for auditioning for the show! Here is some information that you need to know regarding your audition and participation in this show:

1. Please arrive outside of the WMS band entrance at least 10 minutes before your audition time.
  - Follow the sign up genius link to pick a time slot for your audition.
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545ABAD2EA1F94-newsies>
  - Participation Contract and Musical Questionnaire (see below) must be filled out and signed to be turned in at your audition
2. Vocal solo
  - Your solo will only be 38 seconds long
  - **You will be asked to sing a portion of a song from the musical we are doing! [Carrying The Banner Audition Music](#)**
  - Go to this website <https://www.mtishows.com/disneys-newsies-jr>
  - You will need to scroll down the page and look for the word SONGS on the right-hand side. The song is the 2nd one from the top. **Carrying The Banner. (Sing only till the 00:38 mark).** It is best if you sing your song from memory. If you must use music or lyrics, it should only be for reference!
3. Script reading
  - Follow this [LINK](#) for the audition script. Choose a character on this script to read for in auditions. Even if the character you are auditioning for is not on this script, just choose one on this script to read for.
  - **\*\*\*\*\*If you are auditioning for Jack, you need to memorize all 3 sides\*\*\*\*\***
  - Do not read the words in *italics*. Those are staging or acting instructions!
  - Be sure to read with expression and add some character to your part!
  - Directors may ask some students to read for another character during the audition.
4. Audition results
  - Results will be posted on the musical website by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 11.

**Everyone:** Being in the musical is like participating in a sport. If you are cast in this show, we expect you to attend rehearsals. We understand the majority of rehearsals are during the summer. Do not let this stop you from taking family vacations - it won't affect your being cast in the show. All we ask is that you communicate the dates you will be absent in advance. **Excused absences will be allowed, an unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the cast.** Think carefully about the commitment you are making BEFORE you are cast in the show! You may be on the XC team, softball/baseball team cheer team, and basketball team; however, your part in the musical may be less significant than if you weren't on those teams because you won't be able to attend every rehearsal!

## Participation Contract

To participate in the WMS musical, you must be committed to our rehearsals and production. Before trying out, students and parents must sign this contract form. You will be expected to abide by all of the following expectations:

1. Show respect to all directors, cast, and crew members.
2. Memorize all songs, lines, choreography, and staging by assigned dates. Practice during the summer, that is why we cast the show in May! This means practice OUTSIDE of rehearsal.
3. **Attend and be on time for ALL rehearsals and the production.**
  - a. You **MUST** be present every night the week of the show, September 5th - 9th **no exceptions!!**
  - b. Excused absences include other school activities and pre-approved events (weddings, funerals, doctor appointments that have been approved by a director). ANY excused absence must be discussed with a director at least 24 hours in advance. You can email Mrs. Fandel at [d52jfand@d52schools.com](mailto:d52jfand@d52schools.com)
    - i. Failure to communicate excused absences in advance will be considered an unexcused absence
  - c. Unexcused absences include detentions, ineligibility (2 weeks and you will be removed from the show), sports/music/dance/gymnastics outside of school, and not showing up for rehearsal. You will be dismissed from the show if you have ANY unexcused practices.
4. Acquire any prop, costume, or make-up items needed for the show as instructed by the directors.
5. Focus during rehearsals. Talking and goofing off will not be tolerated. The directors are in charge.
6. Be prepared for rehearsal. You should **always** bring your script, a pencil, and shoes you can dance in, no sandals!!!

*The directors reserve the right to remove students from the show if they fail to comply with one or more of these expectations.*

# Participation Contract

I understand and will uphold this Participation Contract throughout the course of practices and productions. I understand that if I do not fulfill these expectations, I may be dismissed from the show.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*This form should be returned to the director at your audition. Students will not be allowed to audition without this contract signed.*

We would like to keep in contact with parents as much as we possibly can as we prepare this show. If you have an e-mail address where we can send you information, please write it below!

Parent E-Mail (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

We will be providing you with a Remind number to add you to the musical texting list after we know who is in the show!

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## Audition Questionnaire

Welcome to the auditions for *Newsies Jr.*!! Please complete the questions below and bring this with you when you come to the audition. Good luck!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you will be in NEXT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a specific role/roles you would like to be considered for?

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Why do you want to be a part of this show?

Do you have previous experience in any drama, music, or dance activities, in school or outside of school? If so, please list.

Tell us something about yourself! (Likes, dislikes, special talent, etc...)

Please list any conflicts you may have including school, church, community activities.

We understand most rehearsals are over the summer break. We still want families to go on vacation, we just want to be made aware of the dates you will be gone. If you are cast, you or a parent will need to EMAIL Mrs. Fandel the dates of any vacations you are taking over the summer.