

# NEWSIES!

Welcome to STMM's 2024-2025 drama production of Disney's *Newsies Jr.* with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman, and book by Harvey Fierstein.

## **AUDITIONS: SEPTEMBER 3-6**

- 3rd - 3:00-4:30 - 1st thru 3rd grade students only. Students will audition in groups of 5 and then will be free to go home. Sign-ups will happen in class. We will email parents of 1st through 3rd grade with their audition times so they will be available for pick-up or we will have a teacher escort them to aftercare.
  - All 1st through 3rd-grade students will audition with "Carrying the Banner" measures 25-40.
  - [Carrying the Banner Audition Music](#)
  - [Carrying the Banner audition clip](#)
- 4th-5th - 3:00-5:00 - 4th thru 8th grade auditions. Please see the character list and audition requirements below.
  - Jack: [Santa Fe](#)
    - [Santa Fe sheet music](#)
  - Davey: [Now is the Time to Seize the Day \(sing all\)](#)
    - [Now is the Time to Seize the Day \(sing all\) sheet music](#)
  - Katherine: [Watch What Happens](#)
    - [Watch What Happens sheet music](#)
  - Crutchie: [Letter from the Refuge](#)
    - [Letter from the Refuge sheet music](#)
  - Medda: [I'm more than just a pretty face](#)
    - [I'm more than just a pretty face sheet music](#)
  - Newsies: [Carrying the Banner](#)
    - [Carrying the Banner sheet music](#)
- 6th - callbacks (4th-8th only) - 3:00-5:00

## **CHARACTERS:**

- **Jack Kelly:** a fiercely loyal and charismatic orphan who dreams of a life out west and boldly leads the Manhattan newsies.
- **Les:** Davey's cheeky younger sibling who is inspired by the freedom of the newsies and loves their independent lifestyle.
- **Crutchie:** Jack Kelly's ever-optimistic best friend and fellow newsie; walks with the aid of a wooden crutch.
- **Davey:** Les' straight-laced, bright older brother who acts as the brains behind the newsies strike.
- **Katherine Plumber:** an ambitious young reporter who works hard to make a name for herself; courageously uses her voice to cover the newsies' strike.
- **Medda Larkin:** a big-voiced saloon singer and star of the Bowery who offers her teacher as a safe haven for the newsies.
- **Wiesel:** a disgruntled manager of distribution for the *World*, often called "Weasel" by the newsies.
- **Joseph Pulitzer:** a pompous businessman and Katherine's no-nonsense father; does not sympathize with the strikers, but comes to respect Jack.
- **Bunsen:** Pulitzer's bookkeeper, helps come up with the idea to raise the newsies' price per page.
- **Hannah:** Pulitzer's secretary, who disagrees with his plan to raise the price of papers.
- **Pat:** the stage manager of Medda's theater.
- **Snyder:** the crooked and sinister warden of The Refuge.
- **Seitz:** an editor who advises Pulitzer, but ultimately admires the kids' newspaper.
- **Dorothy & Bill:** Katherine's friends, whose parents own the *New York Tribune* and *New York Journal*, respectively, help the newsies print the *Newsies Banner*.

- **Oscar & Morris Delancey:** toughs who work for the *New York World*; known to use their fists to make a point.
- **Spot Conlon:** the proud leader of the Brooklyn newsies with an intimidating reputation.
- **Ensemble** (similar to the “Belle” song with one-line solos - open to full cast)
  - Race
  - Albert
  - Muriel
  - Nancy
  - Specs
  - Pigtails
  - Hazel
  - Buttons
  - Tommy Boy
  - Romeo
  - JoJo
  - Bowery Brigade
    - Ada
    - Olive
    - Ethel
    - Louisa

**Commitment:** We understand that well-rounded students participate in everything that interests them. With this in mind, we will allow those interested in fall sports to audition for the play. We ask that they commit a small amount of time, agreed with the coaches, on practice days with us (30 minutes). Those participating in fall sports will be asked to watch the videos on Google Classroom and practice singing, lines, and choreography on their own time. With this in mind, we will have more Saturday rehearsals which will be posted on the calendar.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT: FRIDAY AUGUST  
16TH - 7:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

**April 10-11-12**