

**Woodlawn Arts Academy & Dixon Public Schools
Proudly Present Our 2027 Winter Musical**



**Friday, January 8 & Saturday, January 9 at 7pm; Sunday, January 10 at 2pm
at Dixon High School's James A. Wiltz Auditorium**

Tickets will be \$11* each and will go on sale December 21st at ticketleap.events/events/centennialauditorium.

Tickets also will be available at the door. *A processing fee will be applied to online ticket purchases.

Directing Team: Grace Wadsworth, Jordann Langner-Fishman, Faith Morrison, Ashley Aurand

**Learn about acting, singing, dancing, set design &
costuming right here at Dixon Public Schools!**

HOW DO I SIGN UP? 4th through 5th graders from Madison School and 6th through 8th graders from Reagan Middle School may register by calling Woodlawn Arts Academy at (815) 626-4278 or visiting the main office at Woodlawn. **Online registration is not available!** All students must be enrolled by Friday, October 30th. Tuition is \$145 per student. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify through Woodlawn Arts Academy.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! REHEARSALS START NOVEMBER 2ND, AND SPACE IS LIMITED!

WHEN & WHERE ARE REHEARSALS? Rehearsals will be in the James A. Wiltz Auditorium at Dixon High School from 3:45-5:45pm Mondays and Wednesdays, November 2nd through December 16th. (No rehearsal November 25th.) Holiday break rehearsals will be in the James A. Wiltz Auditorium at Dixon High School from 1-4pm Mondays and Wednesdays, December 21st through December 30th. Tech Week will be in the James A. Wiltz Auditorium at Dixon High School from 3:45-6:30pm Monday-Thursday, January 4th-7th. **Students will be bussed from Madison and RMS to DHS for rehearsals when school is in session. Students will not be bussed when school is closed or on half days.**

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Check the FAQ on the back of this page for more details!

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Contact WAA to request an application or download one
from our website at WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com.**

Music by Alan Menken. Lyrics by Jack Feldman. Book by Harvey Fierstein. Based on the Disney Film Written by Bob Tzudiker & Noni White.

Originally Produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions.

Disney's "Newsies Jr." is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Newsies Jr. Theatre Program FAQ

Who can be involved in the show? Any 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader from Madison School or Reagan Middle School is eligible to participate. All students must be enrolled or wait-listed by Friday, October 30, 2026.

If I enroll, am I guaranteed a spot in the show? Yes! We will take the first 40 students who enroll, and everyone who signs up will be cast in the show. Our productions fill very quickly, so don't wait to register!

How do I know what role I'll play? During the first two rehearsals, we will have auditions. The directors will teach the cast an audition song from the show and go over some audition tips. Each student will have a chance to do a singing and acting audition; then the directors will make decisions based on who they think would best portray each role.

Does casting depend on age, experience or participation in previous shows? No! The directors will base their decisions on the performances during auditions. They are looking for kids who are comfortable on stage, who bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and are confident singers and actors.

What about dance experience? Do I need to have any? Previous dance experience isn't required, and dance ability won't be showcased in the auditions. Any dance included in the show will be fairly basic and taught during rehearsals.

Do I have to be at all of the rehearsals? YES! A rehearsal calendar is included in the online information given to parents detailing our agenda for every single rehearsal. The cast will usually be split into groups — some will work on blocking with the drama director, some will work on songs with the music director, and others will work on creating props and set pieces, as well as character development, with the stage director. Everyone will be busy, busy, busy at every rehearsal!

What am I responsible for bringing? During the week prior to rehearsals, an email will be sent to registered participants with information on how to access a parent folder on Google Drive. Families should read through the information in the folder and fill out the two required online forms before the first rehearsal. The audition materials in the folder will explain what students should prepare for the audition. Auditions take place during the first two rehearsals. At the first rehearsal, cast members will receive a packet with their own script. They should bring the script and a pencil to every rehearsal. A labeled bottle of water is recommended, as well. We may ask each cast member to bring in simple costume pieces like black flats, socks or a pair of pants. The costume letter is in the Google Drive folder, as well.

Can my parents attend rehearsal with me? Rehearsals are not open to parents and family members, unless they have been asked to volunteer. Information regarding volunteer opportunities will be sent out as needed.

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How much does it cost to participate? The cost of enrollment is \$145. This covers the cost of participation and includes a show T-shirt! There will not be an additional costume fee.

Finances are a little tight. Is there any way to help offset the cost of enrollment?

Yes! Because the show is being put on through Woodlawn Arts Academy, financial assistance is available! Through the help of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, Woodlawn offers financial assistance for students. This assistance is based on household income and is available to anyone who qualifies through Woodlawn Arts Academy. Simply print out an application from woodlawnartsacademy.com or stop in the office to pick one up. If approved, a percentage of the enrollment fee will be covered by the financial assistance granted.



What will I learn by participating in this production? Of course, you will learn theatre skills, including acting, singing, dancing, set design and costuming. But there's much more! You'll also learn teamwork, responsibility, self-confidence and follow-through; improve your speaking skills; build friendships; and gain a love and appreciation of the arts.



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