

# WHS THEATRE

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## **“ANNIE”**

WELCOME! Thank you all so much for participating in WHS Fall theatre production of “ANNIE”. The following document includes show information, expectations and guidelines, and a contract that indicates that both parents and cast members understand the commitment of participation. We want the elementary and middle school students to have FUN, however, to remember this is a privilege to be in the high school production.

### **BEHAVIOR**

A major part of being an actor is self-discipline. Cast members are expected to follow directions, pay attention, be respectful to others, keep their hands and objects to themselves, and keep talking (while rehearsing) to a minimum. NEGATIVE behavior (which can and will be decided by the adults in charge) will be dealt with promptly as follows:

- 1. VERBAL WARNING TO THE CAST MEMBER**
- 2. SITTING OUT FROM A PORTION OF REHEARSAL**
- 3. A CONFERENCE WITH THE PARENT(S)** *(which can/may result in the parent’s being present at the remaining rehearsals, in order for the student to remain in the production).*

**Should the negative behavior continue after these steps have been taken, the cast member will be asked to leave the production.**

### **REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals will be on Monday and Wednesday nights, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Not all cast members will be required at every rehearsal; a detailed rehearsal schedule for each week will be distributed. However, keep in mind that the production is a Monday and Wednesday commitment-especially in November.

### **ABSCENCES**

An ensemble for a production is a team. When we are blocking, choreographing, or practicing music, and some of the team is missing, it throws everyone else off. We then have to go back and re-teach what was missed. We

do understand that occasionally there will be absences due to illness or important school/family related events. If possible please contact Julie Ferguson at [julieferguson69@verizon.net](mailto:julieferguson69@verizon.net) (best way to contact) or leave voice mail at 301.845.2536 to let her know you will be absent. *For the show to be successful, everyone must be firmly committed.* Cast members who accrue an excessive amount (*up to the discretion of the director*) may be asked to leave the production.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND MATERIALS**

Lyrics, blocking, and choreography are to be memorized by the cast member. Cast members must practice all of this at home as well. Practicing at home a couple times a week. For the most part, costumes will be provided. However, some items like shoes and makeup will be the responsibility of the cast member. We will have a file box with each member's name on a folder for important papers at every rehearsal. It is the responsibility of the cast member to check the folder daily. Also, a cast member may check himself or herself in on the attendance list at the podium, however an adult **MUST** come into the drama room at the end of rehearsal and check them.

Materials are minimum; we need to the students to provide a two-pocket folder for their music that they must bring to rehearsal each time. They also need to provide a blank CD to have music to practice at home. (Please turn this CD in by Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>).

The size of the elementary and middle school cast is large in numbers; each family will be required to help at a rehearsal. We will be creating a sign up sheet to be posted by Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. You may send a responsible party in your place if you are unable to make a date. If due to work or other family commitments you are unable to help during rehearsal please let one of the adults in charge of the elementary and middle school students know and you will be placed during the production times.

### **PRODUCTION DATES**

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 2:30 (*cast members will be given a letter closer to the date that **MUST** be turned into the home school*)

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, OPENING NIGHT at 7 p.m. (cast members will report at 5:30 p.m.)

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, MATINEE at 2:00 p.m. (cast members will report at 12:30 p.m. *a decision closer to the performance will be made regarding whether the elementary and middle school students will stay for the afternoon or be picked up and returned for the evening performance*).

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, EVENING PERFORMANCE at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, MATINEE at 2:00 p.m. (cast members will report at 12:30 p.m.)

**Contacts for Elementary and Middle School Students**

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**Walkersville High School Theatre**  
**Elementary and Middle School Contract**

We have read and received the copy of the elementary and middle school contract. We understand and accept the conditions of this contract. If we have any questions we will direct them to the contacts for the elementary and middle school adults. A signed contract **MUST** be on file for the cast member to begin rehearsals.

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Student's signature and date

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Parent/Guardian's signature and date