

Governor
Simcoe & Our
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Schools
proudly
presents:

Oliver!

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Consider Yourself part of the Show!

WELCOME!

On behalf of our Musical Director, Mr. Alfred Stockwell, and our Producer, Mrs. Key, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of the "Oliver!" Newsletter. It is our hopes that through this publication, we are able to share with you all the excitement and current information that pertains to your child's involvement in our spring production.

We are looking for grade 5-8 students who love performing, singing and dancing on stage, and who are able to commit to our rehearsal schedule (included in this newsletter). If this sounds like your child or children, then please consider

speaking with the music teacher at your school.

Currently, our plans include having a chorus of children play the orphans in "Food, Glorious Food," and potentially play the townspeople in both "Consider Yourself" and "Who Will Buy." Final decisions will be made once we have a final number of elementary school students who are committed to joining us on this musical adventure!

Subsequent newsletters will provide more information on topics such as costume, make-up and hair requirements for those performing in the show, as well as exciting updates, fundraising events and rehearsal pictures.

The production dates are **April 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th, 2012** with a **curtain time of 7pm**. There are also **two matinees scheduled for April 18th & 25th**.

We look forward to working with your child this year, and thank you for your support of Governor Simcoe and our family of schools. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Have a wonderful day!

- Mrs. Risko (on behalf of Mr. Stockwell & Mrs. Key)



What is "Oliver!" about?

"Oliver!" is the musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel entitled "Oliver Twist."

It tells the story of the orphan Oliver, and his journey from a London workhouse to the streets of London. In the city he is befriended by a

group of pickpockets, their colourful mentor, Fagin, and a host of other interesting characters, including the terrifying Bill Sykes.

It is a story about family, love and justice and is told with memorable tunes like

"Consider Yourself," "I'd Do Anything," "Oom-Pah-Pah" and of course, the opening number "Food, Glorious Food!" where we hear Oliver's famous line: "Please, sir, I want some more!"

Rehearsal Schedule!

Please note that this schedule may be subject to change, but we will make sure to give all cast members adequate notice of any changes.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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5	6 Feederschool rehearsal	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Feederschool rehearsal	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Family Day!	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Feederschool rehearsal	28	29	1	2	3

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4	5 Feederschool rehearsal	6	7	8	9 March Break starts!	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 March Break Ends!	17

More of the Rehearsal Schedule!

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Feederschool rehearsal: 3:30-4:30pm					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Feederschool rehearsal: 3:30-4:30pm					

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Run with Feeder schools Band present	Sitz Probe with Band <i>Feeder schools have late start)</i>	FULLRUN/ TECH IN <i>(Feeder schools have late start)</i>	FULLRUN/ TECH IN <i>(Feeder schools have late start)</i>	Good Friday	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Easter Monday Cue to Cue Time: TBA FULLCAST		Rehearsal <i>(No feeder schools)</i>	FULLTECH RUN <i>(Feeder schools present - early start)</i>	FULLTECH RUN <i>(No feeder schools)</i>	Rehearsal (if needed)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	FULLTECH RUN <i>(Feeder schools present - early start)</i>	DRESS REHEARSAL <i>(Feeder schools present - early start)</i>	Matinee Dress Rehearsal		OPENING NIGHT!	CAPPIES NIGHT!
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	TBD		Matinee (To be confirmed)		PERFORMANCE #3	CLOSING NIGHT!

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The Cappies!

This year, our production has been entered into "The Cappies," a high school theatre critic program where students from other high schools in the Niagara Region watch our production and write theatre reviews about it. In return, our team of critics travel to participating schools, watch their productions and write reviews. The top three writers of those reviews are then published in the Entertainment section of the St. Catharines Standard. At the end of the year, the student critics vote for awards that are presented at a formal Cappies Gala—it's our version of the Oscars!

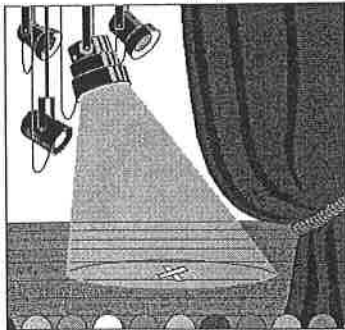
This is our first year being involved in the program, and we are so excited to be a part of an experience that fosters an enjoyment of the Arts, and that allows students from other schools to support each other in a positive and meaningful way. Our "Cappies" night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, 2012.



We need your help!

Producing a musical in a high school requires a lot of dedication and commitment from a large number of generous volunteers.

To date, we are fortunate to have over 20 Governor Simcoe staff members who have offered to donate their time and talents into helping out in the production of "Oliver!," but we are still in need of some



volunteers to help us out with the following areas:

- Set construction
- Set painting
- Costuming/Sewing
- Props
- Hair & Make-Up
- Fundraising
- Sponsorship

If you can help us out in any facet, please contact Mrs. Risko. We would love to work with you!

The Production Team

Mrs. Rassika Risko:
Director

Mr. Alfred Stockwell:
Musical Director

Mr. Ben Phelan:
Band Director

Ms. Mary Gray:
Assistant Director

Mrs. Christie Key:
Producer