Fugett Drama Club 2023-24 Musical Audition Information POPPINS POPPINS

When are auditions? Auditions for the cast of Mary Poppins, Jr. will be held on Wednesday December 13 for 8th graders (other grades may attend, but 8th graders MUST attend on this day), Monday December 18 and Tuesday December 19 until 4:15pm for all other grades. Signups for audition days will be outside of Mr. Hill's room after Thanksgiving break, and students only need to sign up for one day of auditions.

Do I have to come to all three dates? No! You should sign up for ONE day that is most convenient for you. Sign-ups will be outside of room 229 (Mr. Hill's Chorus room)

What do I have to prepare? You should memorize the dialogue (written scene); students should either choose to prepare to read Mary Poppins or George's lines. In addition, for your music audition everyone should prepare to sing "Supercalifragilistic..." for auditions, but if you are very interested in a lead role (Mary Poppins, Bert, George, Jane/Michael), you ALSO need to sing either "Practically Perfect" or "Jolly Holiday" to show your vocal range. To clarify—actors who sing "Practically Perfect" or "Jolly Holiday" may ALSO be asked to sing "Supercali..." in auditions—learn both! The scene and music are available from Mr. Miller and Mr. Hill as well as on the Drama Club Schoology page. Just go to Groups on Schoology and put in our code: V2K6-SSBT-JQBG5.

What is the audition like? Everyone will meet in the auditorium with the directors, as well as some other teachers helping with the audition. We'll pair you up for your acting auditions, go over how we will rotate you through the singing and acting auditions, and then briefly do a warm-up if time permits. Half of the groups will start with their acting auditions (in the auditorium with Mr. Miller and/or Ms. Richards), and the other half will start with their singing auditions (in the chorus room with Mr. Hill). Everyone must stay the whole time unless you have a conflict you've spoken to us about first.

I've never auditioned for a musical—how should I prepare for the audition? The best way is to practice, practice, PRACTICE! Go over your lines until you have them **memorized**, and also make sure you know what the other character says before your line. Next, think about **WHO** you are playing and what the scene is about—how would that character feel about the other person and what's being said to them? Once you have a good idea there, ask someone (family member, friend etc.) to run the lines with you to help you practice reacting to someone. We look for emotion with your voice and body.

As for the music, listen to the track until you think you know it, and then sing along with the practice track before singing along with the instrumental track. Remember that while everyone has to sing for their audition, not everyone has to be a GREAT singer in order to make the cast. Just sing your best, PROJECT your voice loudly, and try to portray the character who sings this song.

When and where will THE CAST LIST be posted? The list of who makes the cast will be posted by **Friday December 22** at the latest outside of Mr. Miller's room (215) & Mr. Hill's room (229).

When is the first rehearsal? <u>Thursday January 4th after school in the auditorium.</u> After our first read-through rehearsal/meeting with <u>all cast and crew members</u>, there will be a parent meeting to go over responsibilities and areas in which we could use parental help.

When is the show: The shows will be <u>Friday and Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd</u>. There will be two shows on Saturday; one show will be at 1:30pm and the second at 7:00pm. Please be prepared to attend rehearsals <u>every day</u> starting on <u>Mar 6, 2024</u>

⑤ To everyone auditioning: BREAK A LEG!!WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE AUDITION! **⑤**