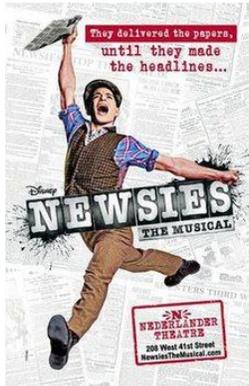


## The Truth About the “Newsies”

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Students of Allendale High School are excited for this year's musical, *Newsies*! *Newsies* is a high energy musical with a lot of acting, dancing, and singing.



*Newsies* the musical is based on a real life event that took place in 1899, called the Newsboy Strike of 1899. It was a strike based on the price upcharge for newspapers from *Evening World* and *Evening Journal*, and no refunds for unsold papers. Disney has reincorporated this real event into a musical, definitely worth something to watch!

Choir Teacher, Ms. Verdonk and English Teacher, Mrs. Daly are both leading this musical. Verdonk is focused on the choral focus, while Daly is choreographing the dancing segments. There is so much excitement in the department for this musical.

This is Mrs. Daly's third year being involved in the musical. She grew up dancing and it's something she loves to do. *Newsies* has more dancing in the musical than others in the past, which is a strong suit for Daly. She said that she is excited to see who ends up in the “big, loud cast!” You can view the dance tutorial video featuring Mrs. Daly explaining the basic dance moves and tips on how to perform them! [Newsies! Dance Audition Tutorial](#)



Ms. Verdonk has been involved for the past three years, and got involved after Mrs. Cherry Peterson retired. “It has been a blast every year and I’m looking forward to another great show!” Verdonk loves musicals. She was involved in previous shows during her high school and college years. She loves watching kids have fun, and being involved in something unique and full of new experiences. One of the most rewarding aspects of the musical for Ms. Verdonk is after the curtain has fallen, the cast feels like a family.

If you would like to try-out (or have any questions) for *Newsies*!, make sure to talk to Ms. Verdonk or Mrs. Daly. Both coordinators are looking for people to dance, sing, and be a part of the musical family. This could be your calling! Casting auditions take place on the 18th /19th of November for roles, and November 20th is a dance audition. The musical performance premieres March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Break a leg!