



HOW TO HOST A MR. MJS

**Presented by the Madison
Jr. School Student Council
TCNJ – January 7, 2015**

What is Mr. MJS?

- annual fundraising / spirit events that we run every year during the spring that benefit local or NJASC State Charity
- Our goal is to put on a great show and raise money!
- spoof of the Ms. America contest that takes roughly 4-5 months of work to put together
- We begin organizing in November/December and the show takes place in April/early May

What is Mr. MJS? ~ continued

- however it can be organized in less time depending on how elaborate you want to make the event
- We raise money by having each contestant get a sponsor (at least \$50 donated by a local business)
 - in return we advertise their business that evening in our printed programs as well as during the show several times
- Additionally we charge \$10 per ticket, family and friends are invited to attend. We have averaged taking in between \$2500-\$3500 the past few years.

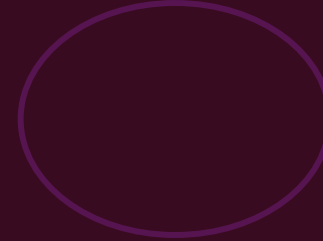
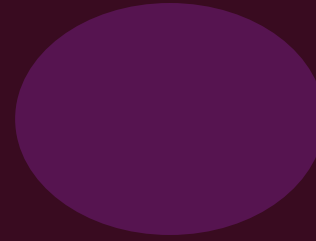
What happens the night of Mr. MJS?

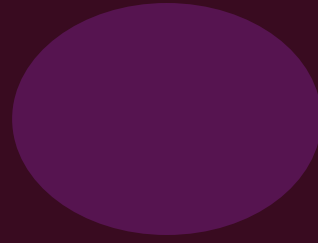
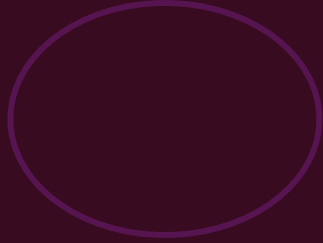
- Welcome by the hosts / intro video
- Opening Number
- Mr. MJS Video
- Casual Wear Competition
- Talent Competition
- State Charity Video or Speaker
- Formal Wear & Question and Answer Session
- State Charity Video or Speaker
- Mr. Money Maker Award & Best Talent Award
- Crowning of Mr. MJS

Opening Video

- video

- Making of Mr. MJS





Planning Steps

Theme

Each competition centers on a theme:

- song selection for the dance number focuses on that particular theme
- Additionally, we coordinate costumes for each of the boys to wear during the opening dance number
 - Examples include:
 - Stage decorations
 - the script for the evening try to capture the essence of the selected theme

Theme	Songs for Dance Number	Costumes for the Dance Number
The Futuristic 1980s	Mr. Roboto and Final Countdown	White painters suits (\$3 each) with silver duct tape to look like futuristic people
Jersey Night	Bon Jovi Medley	jeans, bandana, white t-shirt, sunglasses, inflatable guitars
Boy Bands	New Kids on the Block, NSYNC, One Direction	Khaki pants, white t-shirt, button down dress shirt
Jersey Shore	Beach Boys Medley	Tan shorts and beach shirts
Super Heroes	Waiting on a Hero, Hero	Each kid creates their own Super Hero character

Introduction Movie



- Three years ago, we started adding a movie that introduced the contestants and what they went through to be Mr. MJS contestants
- For example, we have introduced the contestants in an SNL like introduction, a parody using the show “The Office,” and even created spoofs of music videos starring the contestants. The movies have become a highlight of the show, and add to the fun of the night.

Script



- script for the evening is developed by the hosts and assistance from Advisors
- It includes introductions, jokes, information about the charity, as well as skits
- Two years ago, each host performed a magic trick to draw attention to the Spread the Magic Foundation – the chosen NJASC charity for the year.

State Charity



- We try to schedule having a representative speak at the show each year. However, if that isn't possible we will show a video provided by the organization.



- **Mr. MJS To Do List (Month by Month Planning)**

November / December



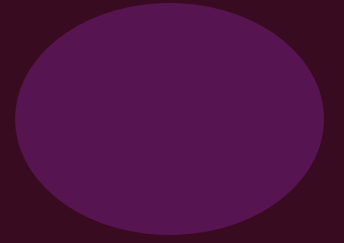
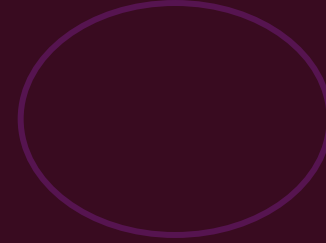
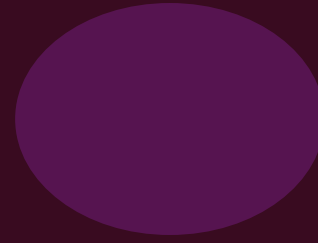
- Begin planning theme, organize music for opening number, brain storm costume ideas, proofread application, set up meeting dates, find hosts, work on movie scripts

January



- Hold information meetings to get contestants and review steps to enter competition
 - If more than ten boys turn in all of their paperwork, then we hold auditions which is explained in the [application](#) (attached) and meeting.
 - Approval from principal for each talent act (we review song lyrics and any original material with administration)

Important Paper work



January through the night of Event (after we have our ten contestants)

- 12-15 practices for the contestants with two full dress rehearsals (hosts attend all practices to work on program, PowerPoint, and script)
- Boys bring in casual wear and formal wear the week of event
- Call tux shop two months in advance to borrow the following:
 - - **(3 black jackets, 3 black cummerbunds, 3 black bow ties)**
 - - Pick-up items 3 days advance

Jobs



- **Judges** – arrange for faculty judges (goal of five)
- **Chaperones** – arranged by administration and advisors
 - **Backstage:** assign two chaperones to monitor back stage area
 - **Front/Aisles:** assign two chaperones for crowd control
 - **Floating:** assign one chaperone to relieve anyone who needs a break
- **Lights** – (1) chaperone and two student
- **Hosts** – (2-4) 8th grade females

Responsibilities ~ Social Committee

- **Creation of PPT** – hosts responsibility
- **Creation of Program** – (2) assigned to committee members
- **Night of Backstage Helpers** – (4-6) committee members with one stage manager
- **Curtains** – committee member (2)
- **Choreographer** – (3) 8th grade Student Council members with dance experience
- **Runner** – committee members and/or choreographer (2)
- **Tickets Sales:** sold in lunch and at the door (3 Student Council members)
- **Programs at door** – (2) Student Council Members

Items Needed



- Items that need to be purchased for show:
 - crown and septor for winner
 - sashes for each contestant with the name of the sponsor printed across (Allen Crowns)
 - trophy for Best Talent
- - Decorations for the theme and stage décor (Christmas lights, paint, and other theme related items)

Items needed for the night of the show:

Judges

- - small lamps
- - tables
- - pens/pencils
- - calculator
- - small bottles of water

Sound/Media Table operated by Advisors and Runners

- sound board (extra cables and batteries)
- iPod
- LCD
- Laptop
- play list
- copy of script
- talent cheat sheet

Tickets and programs



- tickets printed, cut, and numbered
- money box
- baskets for programs
- programs printed

Grade	Name (Pictures *)	Sponsor	Talent	Paperwork/ Donation Amount/
6		Tons of Toys	Comedy skit	\$25 cash and \$25 check
6		Crowley Cupcake	Card tricks – needs Elmo (projector)	\$20 cash and \$30 check
6		Caruso Landscaping	Dancing & Singing	\$50 check
7		Sages Pages	Hand Trumpet (cartoon theme songs)	\$50 check
7		Madison Community House Nursery School	Singing “Don’t Stop Believin”	\$50 check
7		Limbach’s Landscaping	Play Saxophone	\$50 cash
7		European Elegance	Singing “Branches of Science”	\$50 check
7		Mama C’s Subs	Dancing to “Eye of the Tiger”	\$10 cash and \$40 check
7		Scotti’s Record Shop	Play Saxophone “We will Rock You”	\$50 check
7		“Ace” Gallagher Stump Grinding Service	Yo-Yo-ing to music	\$50 check
8		Madison Pharmacy	Lip Synching and Dancing	\$25 check and \$25 check
8		John F. Nittolo & Son Electrical Contractors Inc.	Lip Synching and Dancing “Baby”	\$30 cash and \$20 check
8		School of Rock	Singing and Piano “You’re my Best Friend”	\$50 cash
8		Whitey Vitale	Drums – Muse	\$50 check
8		Bollinger Inc.	Guitar “Buddy Holly” Weezer	\$50 cash
Total				\$750

Do you have what it takes to be the next Mr. MJS?

- **Date of the Show:** Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM
- If you have other commitments that prevent you from attending the majority of our practices, you will need to readjust your schedule.
- Practice schedule depends upon your advisor and contestant availability

Mr. MJS Auditions

Be creative, Be enthusiastic, Be Mr. MJS

You will have a **maximum time of 10 minutes** to:

1. Display a small portion of your talent
2. Describe why you are the perfect candidate for Mr. MJS
3. Answer 3 questions from the list below (questions will be chosen at random):

Questions:

If you were the mayor of Madison what would be the first thing that you would do? Why?

If you were granted 3 wishes, what would you wish for? Why? (Not 3 more wishes!)

If you were any animal, what would it be? Why?

If you could have a supernatural power, what would it be? Why?

What advice would you give to a new student coming to MJS next year?

Who would you consider your role model/hero? Why?

What do you think is the single most critical problem young people are facing today and how can it be solved?

What was your embarrassing moment and why?

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be? Why?

Which teacher at MJS are you most like? Why?

What is your favorite memory at MJS?

What do you want to be when you grow up? Why?

What is 1 word you would use to describe yourself and explain why it best describes you.

If you could be the best in the world at any activity or talent, what would it be? Why?

If you could be any fictional character, who would it be and why?

Which season best describes you? Why?

Madison Junior School
Nicole Sherrin, Principal
Principal

973-593-3149

Thomas Liss, Asst.

973-443-0168

January 2013

Dear Business Owner:

Letter Explaining what we are fundraising for

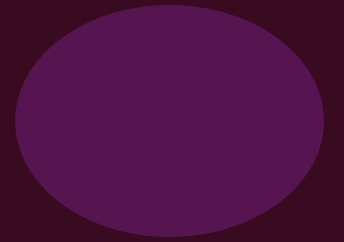
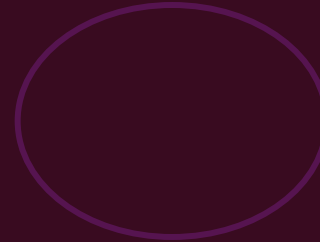
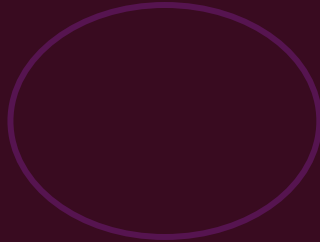
Sincerely,

Alyssa Pehowic – Student Council Advisor

Stephen Finkelstein – Student Council Advisor

Amanda Smith – Student Council President

Ryan Luttinger – Student Council Vice-President



MJS BUSINESS SPONSOR FORM

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

PHONE #: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

CONTESTANT'S NAME: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NJASC AND ON THE MEMO LINE WRITE THE
CONTESTANT'S NAME - MJS.

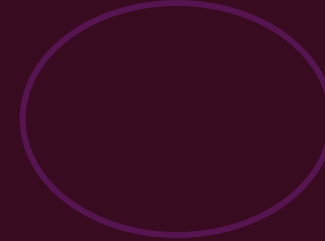
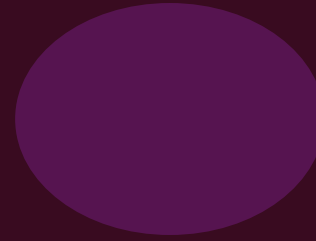
PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR BUSINESS CARD FOR ADVERTISEMENT PURPOSES IN
OUR PROGRAM.

THANK YOU!

THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE MADISON JUNIOR SCHOOL

- Judge's Scoring Criteria***** Fix judging criteria ~ Use excel spreadsheet
- Casual Wear:
 - Maximum of 15 points total with 5 points per category.
 - Sub Categories: Neatness, Presentation, Coordination
- Talent Competition:
 - Maximum of 15 points with 5 points per category.
 - Sub Categories: Creativity, Execution, Originality
- Formal Wear and Question/Answer:
 - Maximum of 15 points with 5 points per category.
 - Sub Categories: Presentation of Formal Wear, Clarity of Speech, Content of Answer,
- Mr. Money Maker: Contestant who raised the most money through ticket sales and donations.
- Mr. Talent: Demonstrates most talent in performance with highest amount of points in Talent Competition
- Mr. MJS: Contestant with the highest amount of points in **each category**.
- (Max. 45 pts. Per judge)
- (Max 180 pts. Total)

● **Final Judge Tally Sheet**



● **Mr. Money Maker:** _____
(most \$ raised)

● **Mr. Talent:** _____

● (highest amount of points in Talent Competition)

● **Mr. MJS Winner** _____

● (highest amount of points from all judges.)