

HOW TO HOST A MR. MJS

Presented by the
Madison Jr. School
Student Council

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What is Mr. MJS?

- Annual fundraising / spirit events
- Our goal for the evening is to put on a great show that will make our audience laugh as well as bring attention to a very worthy cause.
- Spoof of the Ms. America contest
- Takes roughly 4-5 months of work to put together
- Can be organized in less time depending on how elaborate
- Each contestant must find a sponsor (at least \$50 donated by a local business)
- In return we advertise their business that evening in our printed programs and during the show
- Charge \$10 per ticket, family and friends are invited to attend
- We receive 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**

Planning Steps!

Theme

- Each competition centers on a theme
- The song selection for the dance number focuses on that theme
- Coordinate costumes for each of the boys to wear during the opening dance number
- Should have stage decorations and the script for the evening try to capture the essence of the theme

Introduction Movie

- A movie that introduces 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.

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

Script

- script developed by the hosts
- Includes introductions, jokes, information about the State Charity, as well as skits
- 4 years ago, each host performed a magic trick to draw attention to the Spread the Magic Foundation – the chosen NJASC charity for the year
- information from contestants puts application used to help introduce each contestant individually during the Casual Wear Competition

State Charity / Local Charity of Choice

- try to schedule having a representative speak at the show each year
- 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, brainstorm 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)

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 local 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 one student
- **Hosts** – (3) 8th grade females

- **Creation of PPT** – hosts responsibility
- **Creation of Program** – (2) assign to committee members
- **Night of Backstage Helpers** – (4) committee members with one stage manager
- **Curtains** – committee member (1)
- **Choreographer** – (1-3) 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
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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
- playlist
- 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:**
- If you have other commitments that prevent you from attending the majority of our practices, you will need to readjust your schedule.
- We do not have a complete practice schedule yet, but most practice days will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until about 3:30 PM.

- Please read the attached pages about the auditions
- Keep the audition sheet and questions
- Please sign below
- Return this slip to Ms. Pehowic by **Friday, January _____**
- **We will not accept any late permission slips.**
- **Student's Name** (please print)

- **Student's Grade** (circle one) 6 7 8

- **Student's Signature** _____

- **Parent/Guardian Signature** _____

- **Thank You!**

Mr. MJS Auditions 2013

Be creative, Be enthusiastic, Be Mr. MJS

- **If we have more than 10 contestants wishing to participate in this year's Mr. MJS contest, we will be holding auditions. (date TBA)**
- You will showcase a portion of your talent, and demonstrate why you should be crowned Mr. MJS. See below for the details about the auditions:
- 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 why?

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?

- SAMPLE Mr. MJS Candidate Application
- **Due Date:** _____
- We're looking for talented, spirited, and well-spoken 6th, 7th and 8th grade male students to represent MJS in the **8th Annual Mr. MJS contest on Saturday, April 27, 2013**. Judges for the contest will be chosen from the MJS faculty.
- **Please be aware, if we have more than 10 students wishing to participate, we will hold auditions for the 10 spots.**

- As a contestant you will need to do the following:
- Raise a minimum of **\$50 donation** for the NJASC state charity, **Hugs for Brady**. This money can be raised from friends, family, and/or your sponsor.
- **Get a business or company to sponsor** you, and in return they will receive free advertising in our program.
- **Wear a casual outfit and a formal outfit.** The **formal outfit** consists of a **white dress shirt** with **dark pants** (preferably black) and **dress shoes**. We will provide the jacket and bow tie.

- **Create and practice a unique individual talent number.**
- Be prepared to answer a question during the **question and answer** period.
- **Learn and practice the opening group dance number.**
- There will be several **mandatory rehearsals** to attend. (See attached calendar for the tentative practice schedule – this is subject to change).
- Bring in, or preferably email, **2 photos** of yourself to Ms. Pehowic; Bring in all of your **completed paperwork, sponsor information** (business card), and **donation(s)** by **Date TBA.**

- **Please Print:**

- Complete Name: _____

- Age: _____

- Grade: _____

- Team: _____

- Email Address: _____

- **Parent Signature:** _____

Questionnaire for Mr. MJS contestants

- List any clubs and/or sports in which you have participated at MJS.
- What are some community service projects (in or out of school) you have participated in during the 6th, 7th and 8th grade?
- What is your dream job?
- Why do you think you deserve to be Mr. MJS?
- Hobbies/Talents:
- Most memorable moment at MJS:
- Personal Quote (optional):
- What business/company will sponsor you in this competition?
- **Please be sure to provide their business card.**

SAMPLE - Practice Schedule

All paper work, permission slips, pictures, sponsor information and donation(s) must be turned in by, **January 15, 2013** in order for you to participate.

Day	Date	Time
Wednesday		2:45-3:30
Thursday		2:45-3:30
Tuesday		2:45-3:30
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Dress Rehearsal Week		
Tuesday		2:45-4
Wednesday		2:45-4
Thursday		2:45-5
Friday		2:45-5:30
Saturday		Report at 5

Madison Junior School

Nicole Sherrin, Principal
973-593-3149

Thomas Liss, Asst. Principal
973-443-0168

January 2013

Dear Business Owner:

This year the Madison Junior School Student Council is holding its seventh annual “Mr. MJS Contest”, a charity benefit, to raise money for **Hugs for Brady**, the charity chosen by the New Jersey Association of Student Council. We have attached a brief description of this foundation and its mission statement from their website for your perusal. This is a wonderful and dedicated charity that we hope you would want to support.

CONTEST INFORMATION: The seventh annual “Mr. MJS Contest” will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Madison Junior School Auditorium**. The contestants will open the night with a group musical number, then compete in the following areas: talent, formal wear, casual wear, and a question and answer session. Judges comprised of MJS faculty will use a point system to judge the contestants on their talent, spirit, and articulation. The night will conclude with the crowning of the contestant with the most points. The winner will be expected to represent MJS with integrity.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? The MJS Student Council would like this contest to continue as an annual charity event. We are asking you to become part of this tradition. Each male contestant will choose to represent a business. For example, a contestant would be known as **Mr. (Your Business Name)**. When a contestant chooses to represent your business in the contest, we ask you to make a donation to the charity. Each contestant must raise a minimum donation of \$50.00. With your support, donations from family and friends, and the money raised through event ticket sales, the contestants will raise much needed funds for **Hugs for Brady**. In return for your generous donation, we will post your business name at the event and put your business information in the program.

If your business is interested in sponsoring a MJS student in the “Mr. MJS Contest”, please sign the provided form and attach your business card.

Checks should be payable to NJASC (New Jersey Association of Student Councils) and on the memo line please include the name of the contestant you are sponsoring and MJS. We greatly appreciate any help you can give us, and thank you in advance for your participation.

We also look forward to seeing you at the seventh annual “Mr. MJS Contest.”

Sincerely,

Alyssa Pehowic – Student Council Advisor

Stephen Finkelstein – Student Council Advisor

Owen Matthews – Student Council President

Meaghan Hanley – 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 ADVERTISMENT PURPOSES IN OUR
PROGRAM.

THANK YOU!

THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE MADISON JUNIOR SCHOOL

What is Hugs for Brady?

Sherri and Michael Wells started the Hugs for Brady Foundation shortly after their 13 month old son, Brady Michael was diagnosed with Non-Differentiated Acute Leukemia, a very rare form of leukemia.

Their goal is simple, to help in any and every way possible to ease the pain of the children and their families who have cancer.

Their Vision:

Their ultimate goal is to eradicate pediatric cancer. We will not rest until childhood cancers of all types are a forgotten nightmare.

Their Mission:

Hugs for Brady Foundation is dedicated to helping children with childhood cancers. Their moral compass is directed to support children with cancer in any and every way possible.

Who We Serve:

Established to help children battling cancer and assist in research to ultimately find a cure for pediatric cancer.

Their immediate goal is to fund a 2nd pediatric hematology/oncology young investigator program at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

No child is turned away; no matter what their financial status may be or if they do not have health insurance. According to Their calculations, it costs about \$10,000 day to be a patient on the pediatric oncology floor.

Hugs for Brady Principles

You can look into the window of Brady's life at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/bradymichael to read all about the extraordinary journey of a 13 month old baby diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

For more information about Hugs for Brady, please visit their website:

<http://www.hugsforbrady.org/>

The Student Council at MJS would like to thank all of you in advance for helping us in our efforts to raise funds for this very worthy charity.

- Judge's Scoring Criteria (example) ~ We now use a google Excel spreadsheet to calculate scoring
- **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**.

- **Final Judge Tally Sheet (example)**
- **Mr. Money Maker:** _____ (most \$ raised)
- **Mr. Talent:** _____
- (highest amount of points in Talent Competition)
- **Mr. MJS Winner** _____
- (highest amount of points from all judges.)