



# GO WEST!

A MUSICAL ADVENTURE OF  
AMERICA'S WESTWARD EXPANSION

## Trinity 2017 Fall Musical, Grades 3-5

**Go West!** Thar's gold in them thar hills! Gold has been discovered in the hills of California. Land is being given away to settlers willing to make a fresh start in newly explored regions of the American West. Cowpokes, miners, farmers, trappers, and adventurers of all kinds are making their way west to chase the American Dream. They come by way of wagon train, horseback, steamboat and rail. **GO WEST!** combines music, drama and history to explore this westward expansion of the early United States. The cast discovers that real gold is not always the kind made into ingots and baubles but in the ideas and inspiration of new possibilities and new adventures.

**Performance Dates:** Saturday, 9/30 @ 2:00pm  
*Grandparent's Day is the Friday before; students will perform at that assemble as well.*

**Participation:** All registered students will be a member of the chorus (singing & choreography). Roles/ lines / solos will be assigned after the first kick-off rehearsal. A simple audition occurs at the end of Tuesday's opening rehearsal. Each student will be cast in a small group: Buckaroos, Pioneers, or Explorers.  
\*A select group of girls will also form a small ensemble in addition to their group.

**Registration:** Complete the attached form and return to Mrs. Holley via Mrs. Whitehead (main office). Registration due **Monday, August 7th** with registration fee.  
*CD's will be handed out the 1st rehearsal.*

**Cost:** \$40 production fee, due with registration form. Make checks payable to TCA (*Fine Arts on memo*).  
*Every student will also need the following: cowboy boots (used / any color fine) & blue jeans—due by costume fitting.*

**Kick-off** **Tuesday 8/8, 9 - 2** *This is supply drop off; please drop off early then check in the elementary gym for rehearsal.*

**Rehearsal:** Pack a lunch and water bottle.  
Please wear comfy clothes and athletic shoes / sandals (no flip flops PLEASE!!)  
Arrive having learned the song "Go West" — *posted on website: Fine Art; Elem Fine Arts*  
Solos & lines will be determined after Tuesday....so important not to miss.

**Practice Schedule:** See complete schedule in packet.

This will be the sixth production I have had the joy to direct in grades 3—5. It has become a highlight of the year and the reason I am glad to return to school. These students are energetic and open to learning the basics of a musical production: blocking, line delivery, choreography, and musical singing. They take risks and have a blast putting the show together. We also build a community that encourages and builds up. We discover the meaning and truth in our show. And we get to experience the creativity God placed inside each of us as we journey together on the production path.

I am glad about your participation in the musical! Being part of a production is exciting and comes with great responsibility. You are joining a team - each cast member depends on the others! Therefore, please prayerfully consider if this adventure fits your schedule. I realize it is an adjustment handling school work and rehearsals. Therefore, each student cast may have until August 18th to discover if this adventure works with family life and school work. If necessary, a student may withdraw up to this date. After Friday, August 18th, all cast members need to remain committed until after the final performance.

**Attendance :** Each cast member will have 2 excused absences (sickness, doctor apt, etc.).  
Please communicate all absences in advance via email (holleyfam@yahoo.com).  
Cast members are **NOT** excused from production week or performances except in extreme cases (i.e. death in the family).

**Behavioral Expectations:** Standards laid out in the handbook and music class are to be followed:  
1-Follow directions given by directors and student assistants.  
2-Use self control and be respectful of students, adults and show items.  
3-Work at this with all your heart as unto the Lord!

*To encourage team work and positive behavior, students who step outside the stated boundaries will experience appropriate consequences. But, I fully expect this to be a positive experience for all students involved.*

**Musical Staff:** Mrs. Lisa Holley, director  
Mrs. Heather Tinsley, music director / assistant director  
Miss Leah Claire Hall, assistant director  
TCA Middle /High School Fine Arts students

Thanks for your prayerful consideration regarding your student's involvement. I look forward to all God will do in and through this year's production! Don't hesitate to email with questions.

Let's go for the Gold!

*Lisa Holley*

holleyfam@yahoo.com

NOTE: If you lose your packet or registration form, check the website:

**tcalions.com**

Click *Fine Arts Tab*

Click *Elementary Fine Arts*



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**Student Name:**

**Grade:**

**Teacher:**

**T-Shirt Size:** youth S, M, L, XL or adult S, M, L

**Check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am auditioning for a solo in addition to being in the chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am auditioning for a speaking part in addition to being in the chorus.

*Those with lines will attend 2 additional Friday rehearsals (see schedule).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in the chorus only.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in the girls ensemble (singing and dancing). *I understand that I will have to attend rehearsals for 2 groups to be part of this ensemble (see schedule).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have previous theatre experience (list in space below):

\_\_\_\_\_ I have dance experience (explain in space below):

(over please)

**Parent/ Guardian Name:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

I will send out weekly email updates regarding schedule, costumes, details! Therefore please list a clear email and then check it weekly. Thanks!!!

Each family with a child in the show is needed to contribute in some meaningful way. Please check an area in which you would be willing to/ would like to serve:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Scenery (construction or painting....calling all artists and builders!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set Days (setting up & tearing down all elements of the Scenery and stage pieces)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Props (gathering large and small items needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Costumes (help with costume fittings; labeling costumes;  
organizing for dress rehearsals & show time)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations (publicity, posters, ticket sales, box office)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special "Cast Party" Snack Day: Thursday 9/28
- \_\_\_\_\_ Production Snack Coordinator (Snacks needed M 9/25 & T 9/26)

**\*Mark the Date\***

**Parent's Meeting Thursday, August 24th @ 4:00**

This is immediately following rehearsal.  
Our older helpers will be able to help with childcare.  
We will lay out production plans and assignments at this time.

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**Return by Mail:**



Trinity Christian Academy  
Attn: Lisa Holley  
10 Windy City Rd  
Jackson, TN 38305

**Drop off in Main Office:**




Give to Mrs. Whitehead at front desk.  
Summer Office Hours: 9am - 2pm

# August 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Pack lunch! <b>Kick Off Day</b> 9:00—2:00	9  <i>Groups posted on website</i> <i>Fine Arts: Elem Fine Arts</i> 1st Full Day of School	10 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Buckaroos & Pioneers	11 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Explorers & Girls Ensemble	12
13	14	15 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Buckaroos & Pioneers	16	17 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Explorers & Girls Ensemble	18	19
20	21	22 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Buckaroos & Pioneers	23	24  <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Full Cast 4:00: <i>Parents Production Meeting</i>	25 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Line Rehearsal	26
27	28	29 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Explorers & Girls Ensemble	30	31 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Full Cast	1 Labor Day Break (no school)	2

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Labor Day (no school)	5 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Buckaroos & Pioneers	6	7 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Explorers & Girls Ensemble	8 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Line Rehearsal	9
10  Costumes Due →	11 <u>2:45 - 3:45</u> <i>Costume Fitting</i> Explorers	12 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Groups TBA	13 <u>2:45 - 3:45</u> <i>Costume Fitting</i> Buckaroos	14 <u>2:50 - 4:00</u> Full Cast	15 <u>2:45 - 3:45</u> <i>Costume Fitting</i> Pioneers	16 Platforms
17	18	19 <u>2:50 - 4:30</u> Full Cast	20	21 <u>2:50 - 4:30</u> Full Cast	22	23 Set Day
24  Full Cast All Week →	25 Tech Rehearsal 2:50 - 4:30	26 Tech Rehearsal 2:50 - 4:30	27	28 Dress Rehearsal & Special Snack 2:50 - 4:45	29  <i>1/2 Day Grandparents' Day</i> Dress Rehearsal 2:00 - 4:45	30 Showtime!
*Friday Line Rehearsals—Only students with lines in specific scenes will need to come.						