



Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) is coming to St. Ignatius on **April 13, 2026**

MCT, the nation's largest touring children's theater, has been touring extensively for over 40 years, from Montana to Japan, and will visit over 1,200 communities this year with 44 teams of Tour Actors/Directors. A tour team will arrive at St. Ignatius with a set, lights, costumes, props, make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team will hold an audition and **cast 50-60 students in grades K-8th** to perform in the production. The show will be rehearsed throughout the week, and a public performance will be presented on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairytales . . . a *twist* on the classic stories that you know and love. This year, we will be producing **"The Tortoise and the Hare"**. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills, and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through participation in this unique, educational project. MCT's mission is *the development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts.*

**Auditions: Monday, April 13th 2:00P-4:00P, Parish Center**

To audition, return the attached permission slip by **Wednesday, April 1st**. Please look carefully at all the information on this sheet before you decide to audition. There are roles for 50-60 students. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. It is a group audition - no preparation is necessary, but a SMILE 😊 never hurts. Be ready to come and have a good time!

All information about the rehearsal and performance schedule and the cost of participation is on the back. There is no cost to audition.

## Missoula Children's Theatre

**Cost: \$60.00**

This participation fee is due no later than Tuesday, April 14th, for every student who is cast in the show. There is no fee to audition. Cast members will also have the option of purchasing a t-shirt directly from the Missoula Directors

**Rehearsals:** Monday, April 13th, 4:30P-6:30P\*  
Tuesday, April 14th, 3:00P-7:30P\*  
Wednesday, April 15th, 3:00P-7:30P\*  
Thursday, April 16th, 3:00P-7:30P  
Friday Dress Rehearsal/School Performance,  
March April 17th, 8:15A-2:45P(1:00P performance)

Everyone auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed after the auditions. \*SOME CAST MEMBERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AT ALL REHEARSALS. CAST MEMBERS SCHEDULED FOR THE FULL 4½ HOURS OF REHEARSAL WILL NEED TO BRING A SACK SUPPER OR SNACK. (Kids K-2nd tend not to stay on Monday)

**Performances:** Saturday, April 18th, 3:00P

All cast members must be available for all scheduled performances. Tickets for the performances will cost \$10.00 for ages 3yrs and up.

**Parent Help:** Many parents are needed to help take down the stage on Saturday after the 3:00 PM performance. Some parents are needed to sell tickets before each performance. Please tell Ms. Thompson if you can help.

**Questions:** Please contact Cachele Thompson (916-488-3907 ext. 1053) or [cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org](mailto:cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org)

Permission Slip for Missoula Children's Theatre  
Due Wednesday, April 1st

I permit my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
In grade: \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Missoula Children's Theatre auditions on **Monday, April 13th at 2:00P** in the Parish Center. Auditions will end at 4:00P. Students who are asked to be in the show **MAY NEED TO STAY** for the first rehearsal from 4:30P to 6:30P.

At 4:00P, when auditions end, if my child has not been asked to stay for rehearsal from 4:30P-6:30P then my child will:

- \_\_\_\_\_ check in to Extended Services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ be picked up in front of the Parish Center doors.

If my child is asked to participate in the show, my child has permission to attend:

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(Some students will NOT be required at every rehearsal)

**Performances:** Friday, April 17th, 1:00P & Saturday, April 18th, 3:00P

**\*\*If my child is asked to participate in the show, the \$60 participation fee will process through FACTS by May 1st.\*\***

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Help Needed:** If you can help, please tell Ms. Thompson (488-3907 ext. 1053) or [cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org](mailto:cthompson@stignatiussacschool.org).

**Ticket Sales:** We need parents to sell tickets at the door before each performance. **Sets:** We will need many parents to help take down the set after the 3:00P performance on Saturday.

# The Tortoise and the Hare

## SHOW SYNOPSIS THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

Adapted by Emily Morrison  
Music by Gregory Boris  
Lyrics by Gregory Boris and Emily Morrison

The Missoula Children's Theatre's twist on Aesop's classic is a hare-raising, ab-shell-lute whirlwind of fun! Taylor Tortoise and Curly Hare's competitive antics are getting out of control, and all the other animals in their little town outside of Cape Canaveral, Florida, get roped into the shenanigans. When a group of astronauts comes through town, Curly Hare comes up with their kookiest stunt ever - to be the first animals on the moon! Well, talking animals, anyway. Taylor Tortoise and Curly Hare race to build a rocket and beat the other to space, but will their rivalry drive away their friends in the process? Who will make it to the moon first? And once they get to the moon...then what? The Tortoise and the Hare learn that maybe winning ISNT everything; they can accomplish so much more by working together!

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Rehearsals: April 13th - April 16th  
Dress Rehearsal/School Performance: Fri. April 17, 2026  
Performance: Saturday, Apr. 18, 2026

Please turn in the permission slip on the other side by Wednesday, April 1st!