January 2019 Drama News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the long break to get caught up on sleep, family and hobbies.

* January is a short month, but we are packing a lot in. Our first Booster meeting of the year will be held in the Drama room on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00pm. We will be recapping the fall season as well as discussing the Cougar Dinner Theater and improvisation events along with Booster business. Look for an email from our President, Cyndi Branciforte.
* The Oakton Improvables are holding their 1st Comedy Night of the year this Friday, January 11th in the Auditorium at 7:00pm. This is a free event open to all! We will also be hosting an Improvisation Competition on Friday, February 1st which includes other Improv teams from around FCPS - so save the date!
* We will be competing at the VHSL one-act competition on Saturday, January 19th at Marshall High School. Students from our Theatre 3&4 class will be presenting DMV, an original work written by senior, Joe Malone. They will be competing against performances from other high schools in our region. This is a free event open to the public, so check out our website for more information about the times for the different shows.
* Our own Drama Mama, Jennifer Cullen, is an award-winning author who has recently published a very personal novel. Mrs. Cullen modeled the book’s main character after her sister who bravely endured challenges with mental illness as well as an abusive marriage.  Her journey was the inspiration to write this fictional story, Of Unsound Mind. Mrs. Cullen has offered to donate 10% of the book sales back to the students for their London trip this April. It is intended for an adult audience because of the contents (which is kept at a PG-13 level). If you are interested in checking it out, the book can be found on Amazon at:  <http://a.co/d/0uxF3jj>

We will be hosting some other fundraisers for our London trip in the next few months, so look for emails with details on those events.

* Our Theatre 2 students are working on their Soap Opera Murder Mysteries. Mark your calendars for Thursday February 14th at 7:00 in the Auditorium. Grab your Valentine for a fun date night to see these free and fabulous performances.
* Our Cougar Dinner Theatre and One Act Night will be on Monday, February 11th. More information about our shows will be coming soon!

**Here’s to a creative and healthy new year!**

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