Drama News

* A quick thank you for a wonderful school year. Thinking back now, I can’t believe how quickly it went. I met some wonderful new students, and said good bye to my seniors that I adore. In between we produced 3 Fall Shows, Soap Opera Murder Mysteries, One Act Night and a hit Musical. We participated in the Shakespeare Theatre’s Text Alive program and took field trips as close as DC and as far as New York and Oregon. I know next year will bring just as many wonderful opportunities.
* Our Thespian Honor Society Officers for next year have been announced.
* President: Bella Panciocco
* Vice-President: Alexa Schwartzman
* Secretary: Vanessa Rivera
* Historian: Bailey Kruse
* Social Media Coordinator: Samba Pathak
* Spirit Team: Mackenzie Crane & Joe Perreault
* Points Officer: Sophie Cassidy
* Ambassadors: Abby Cortez, Ian Matthews, Kate Vietmeyer
* Fundraising & Community Outreach: Emma Ziselman, Vivian Lemons, Robbie Boyle, Vinee Verma
* A special thank you to our Booster parents for all the hours spent volunteering as well as donations of food and supplies. Our program was able to benefit from money raised by having professional workshops with instructors from Faction of Fools (Commedia Dell’arte) and Synetic Theatre (movement classes). We are planning more events like this in the fall with improvisation workshops and special effect make-up. We also joined with the Chorus Boosters to purchase a portable sound system that allowed us to travel to VHSL with a musical (a first for us) and it will come in handy for when we are under renovation and take our performances and concerts “on tour”.
* We are so proud and excited to have been nominated for 16 Cappie Awards for our Performing Arts Department production of Titanic. We will be attending the festivities this Sunday at the Kennedy Center. Parker Waters, Liam Klopfenstein and Diego Maldonado will be performing their song THE BLAME on the Concert Hall Stage. This show will air over the summer on FCPS channel 21. Thank you once again to our Boosters who helped make it possible for our nominees to attend by paying for half of their ticket fee.
* Congratulations to Finlay Kuester who received the Theatre Arts Department Award and to JD Mayer who was the recipient of our KT SMITH Scholarship. Two awesome techies who I will miss very much.
* For all you senior parents who are also “graduating” this Friday. Thank you so much. Most of you have trusted me with your babies for their entire 4 years here at Oakton and they have become a part of this program’s fabric and will forever have a place in my heart. I have traveled with them, cried with them, yelled AT them, shared secrets and laughed with them. Most importantly, I have watched them become the amazing young adults that they are as they “played” on our stage. Witnessing them gaining confidence, finding their voices and choosing their next paths based on things they have learned about themselves under our stage lights. Thank you for letting me be a part of that process and for your support throughout their time with me.
* You can follow along with any information that comes up this summer and of course throughout the schoolyear on our social media outlets.

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Have a wonderful, relaxing summer enjoying your families. I’ll see you VERY soon.

Fondly, Vanessa Gelinas