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 2 Fall Shows, Soap Opera Murder Mysteries, One Act Night, multiple improv events 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 London. I know next year will bring just as many wonderful opportunities as well as more dust and construction.
* If any one is looking to have headshots or senior portraits taken over the summer, one of my former students, Hunter Carrico, is home from JMU and offering his services. Hunter spent 4 years in our theatre and photo department and is continuing his training in college. His email is [carrico.hunter@yahoo.com](mailto:carrico.hunter@yahoo.com) or his website huntercarrico.com
* Our Thespian Honor Society Officers for next year have been announced.
* President: Abby Cortez
* Vice-President: Robbie Boyle
* Secretary: Emma Szczesniak
* Historian: Regan Tate
* Social Media Coordinator: Samba Pathak
* Spirit Team: Vivian Lemons, Sarah Bleier & Ian Matthews
* Points Officer: Vinee Verma
* Ambassadors: Sana Friedman, Sarah Janson & Kylie Wilson
* A special thank you to our Booster parents for all the hours spent volunteering as well as donations of food and supplies. Here are some of the awesome benefits the program has gained from the Booster support this year:
* Professional movement workshops with Synetic Theatre.
* A beautiful roomy new refrigerator in our prop room.
* Subsidizing cost of field trips to New York and London.
* Joining with the Chorus Boosters to purchase more wireless microphones.
* Providing financial aid for students to participate in field trips.
* 1,000 KT Smith Scholarship awarded to a graduating Senior.
* Providing an Improvisation Workshop for our Drama 1 classes.
* Organizing all lobby activities during our productions.
* Subsidizing our Cappie nominees going to the Cappies Gala.
* Feeding our actors and techies during long rehearsal days.

*-Thank you so much Boosters!!! We couldn’t do it without you!*

* Congratulations to Bella Panciocco who received the Theatre Arts Department Award and to Carolyn Best who was the recipient of our KT SMITH Scholarship.
* We are so proud and excited to have been nominated for 9 Cappie Awards for our Performing Arts Department production of Catch Me If You Can. We attended the festivities at the Kennedy Center. Members of our ensemble performed Don’t Break the Rules on the Concert Hall Stage. The Cappies Gala with performances can be watched on Channel 21 on Cox and Verizon and at [www.fcps.edu/tv](http://www.fcps.edu/tv) at the following times:
* Thursday, June 6 3:30 p.m.
* Saturday, June 8 7 p.m.
* Monday, June 10 9 a.m.
* Tuesday, June 11 7 p.m.
* Friday, June 14 7 p.m.
* Saturday, June 15 9 a.m.
* Sunday, June 16 3 p.m.
* Monday, June 17 7 p.m.
* Tuesday, June 18 7 p.m.
* Thursday, June 20 9 a.m.
* Saturday, June 22 3:30 p.m.
* Sunday, June 23 7 p.m.
* For all you senior parents who are also “graduating” tomorrow. Thank you so much. Many of you have trusted me with your babies for their entire 4 years here at Oakton. They have become a part of this programs 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 they are as they “played” on our stage or created behind the scenes. I have witnessed them gaining confidence, finding their voices and choosing their paths based on things they have learned about themselves in our theatre. Thank you for letting me be a part of that process and for your support throughout their time with me.

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

Fondly, Vanessa Gelinas