

# PANTHER PLAYBILL



COLLEYVILLE HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE BOOSTER CLUB

A monthly bulletin from the supporters of CHHS Theatre Arts

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SHAMELESSLY BIASED THEATRE REVIEW

## Fall Season Closes with *Starry Night*

Debut of original play written and  
directed by Jacquie Devino

A very special and busy CHHS Theatre fall season ended in November with four performances of *Starry Night*. An original play written and directed by our very own **Jacquie Devino**, *Starry Night* tells the life story of famed artist Vince van Gogh. Devino's script and staging takes the audience through the harrowing and manic life of the legendary artist, giving dramatic insights to his complicated relationships, inner struggles and his ultimate demise.

The cast does a superb job of capturing and conveying the intense emotions that are the foundation of this play. All the action takes place with a backdrop consisting of a fractured rendering of one of van Gogh's most famous paintings and the namesake of this production. The set design and artwork is a metaphor for van Gogh's often broken and disjointed life and provides a striking visual frame for the production.



*Starry Night*, in many ways, is an example of the excellence of the CHHS Theatre Arts department. The play was written and directed by one of our Theatre Arts teachers; the cast and crew demonstrate the acting and technical skills of our students; the set design showcases the gifted visual artists at our school. It is truly fitting that our fall season should end with such a great example of the extraordinary talents of the Theatre Arts department at CHHS. *Bravo!*



Caroline  
Walsh

## A Message from your Booster Club President...

Hello CHHS Theatre Families!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a respite over the Thanksgiving break. It was well-deserved for our hard-working students and directors!

Looking back over the last eight weeks, it is truly amazing to see what was accomplished. We enjoyed five fantastic shows, each unique and important. The students had a fulfilling trip to the Texas Thespian Festival, with each student participating in events and bonding. We welcomed new families to the Panther Theatre family. Our department is so solid throughout each grade, it is wonderful to see how it has grown.

In the spirit of gratitude, the Boosters would like to thank all of the members who helped at each show in tasks of all sizes. We truly are fortunate to have the deep bench of support, and the work we all do ensures that the directors can support the students in their development.

As we wind down the Fall, we are already gearing up for an exciting Spring season, with *Annie* rehearsals underway. I can't wait to see what's to come and look forward to seeing all of you in January at the next Booster Club meeting. Enjoy the Christmas break and some quality family togetherness. I am grateful for all of you!



**Next Theatre Booster Club Meeting**  
Thursday, January 10 6:30pm  
Black Box Theatre



Jacquie Devino

## From the Directors' Chair

What a fall! Our student performers and technicians accomplished more on stage and off than I could have ever imagined, and I am so proud of each and every one of them.



This year's theme discussion in theatre is about the connection between creativity and risk-taking. "Creativity cannot be separated from risk taking; creativity goes hand in hand with change, and there is often anxiety and fear of disapproval associated with newness, but there is also the possibility for tremendous joy, excitement and approval."

We experienced so much joy through production this fall. We pulled together talents from throughout the department to write, paint, sing, choreograph, design, project, ... and we put those individual creations together in new and unexpected ways to produce theatre that was innovative, thoughtful and dynamic. We made new friendships and grew as a theatre family. Some of these students will go on to seek careers in the entertainment industry, most of them will go on to pursue other careers and opportunities, but no matter their future I believe the challenges we faced and successes we found have made us happier, more creative and more adventurous people.

Finally, I want to wish my students and their families a holiday season full of joy and hope. Celebrate, rest and connect to the people you love most - both on and off stage. January will be busy!!

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

## Annual Tamale Sale a Success!

**Tamale Pick-up Friday, December 7**



Thank you to everyone who sold tamales for the Theatre Department. We sold 117 dozen tamales, which will net a **\$643** donation! Great work! Be on the lookout

for a sign-up to help divide out the orders for student pickup. They will be at school the afternoon of Friday, December 7, just in time for holiday cheer.

### THEATRE PARENTS ARE AMAZING

## CHHS Theatre Booster Club Honor Roll: Recognizing our Volunteers

This fall season of five productions could not have been a success without the help of some SUPER volunteers. The CHHS Theatre Booster Club recognizes the following people who served *multiple shifts for multiple shows* assisting with box office, concession sales, backstage parents, Starving Artist support and more. Honor Roll Thanks To: **Shelley Fugitt, Alex Picado, Katie Halverson, Blanca Casanova and Carrie Jeffries.** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

## ITS Festival Provides a Wealth of Opportunities

*Annual state theatre festival draws more than 5,000 participants*



Just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, many of the CHHS Theatre students attended the Texas Thespians annual conference in Grapevine. Commonly referred to as "ITS" and "State Festival," the event is three days filled with performances, workshops, presentations, competitions and more. Seniors can even audition for multiple colleges and universities.

With more than 5,000 theatre kids in attendance, the conference is a great time for students with a common interest to connect, build friendships and obsess about all things theatrical. Our Panther Theatre students had a great time and are grateful that this major event is held so close to home. If your student has not attended ITS yet, it may be something to consider for next year!

### ANNUAL MUSICAL PREVIEW

## Boosters to Get Ready to Support Our Next Big Show

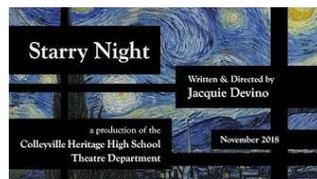


**January 24 @ 7pm - 25 @ 7pm - 26 @ 2pm & 7pm**

Rehearsals are in full swing for *Annie*. And while the students are learning the music, blocking their scenes and the sets are being designed, the CHHS Theatre Boosters need to get ready as well. There will be plenty of opportunities for boosters to feed our starving artists, help Mr. Faulks with Saturday morning Crew Calls (that means helping to build sets), selling tickets, staffing the concession table, helping backstage and running front-of-house.

Each year our theatre directors, music director, actors, tech crews, and pit orchestra members work hard to put on a great show. **If you have a student in *Annie*, the Theatre Booster Club asks that you serve one volunteer shift during the run of the show.** That's it... just one shift. Be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups in January and be ready to play your part in the success of our annual musical.

### NEW PERFORMANCE VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE!



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