



Talbot Student Newsletter

Drama club will stage “Chocolate Factory” production

By Michael Thompson

Back in February, Mrs. Morelli started the drama club. She wanted to start a production of “Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.” After about a month of planning, it came into view and the production started. Ever since, the drama club has been trying its hardest to adapt the popular book, movie and play for the school.

Mrs. Morelli answered some questions about the play.

She said the play is June 1, though she does not know the time just yet.

When I asked about the production, she said, “The production progress is going well. We have almost blocked the whole play, and from this point on we will be polishing and perfecting the scenes. The students are working hard to get into character and use expression in their lines.”

I asked what prompted her to start the drama club.

“I started the drama club because I love drama!” she said. “I first found a love for drama in 7th grade when I played an Oompa-Loompa in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in our junior high play. After that I played minor roles in plays and entered fine arts competitions throughout high school. As a senior in high school I directed my first play for one of my classes. The play was *Peter Pan*. I loved it so much I wanted to do it again.

Mrs. Morelli maintained her love of drama after school.

The Details

WHAT: Talbot Drama Club’s performance of “Charlie and The Chocolate Factory”

WHEN: June 1, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are free; donations appreciated

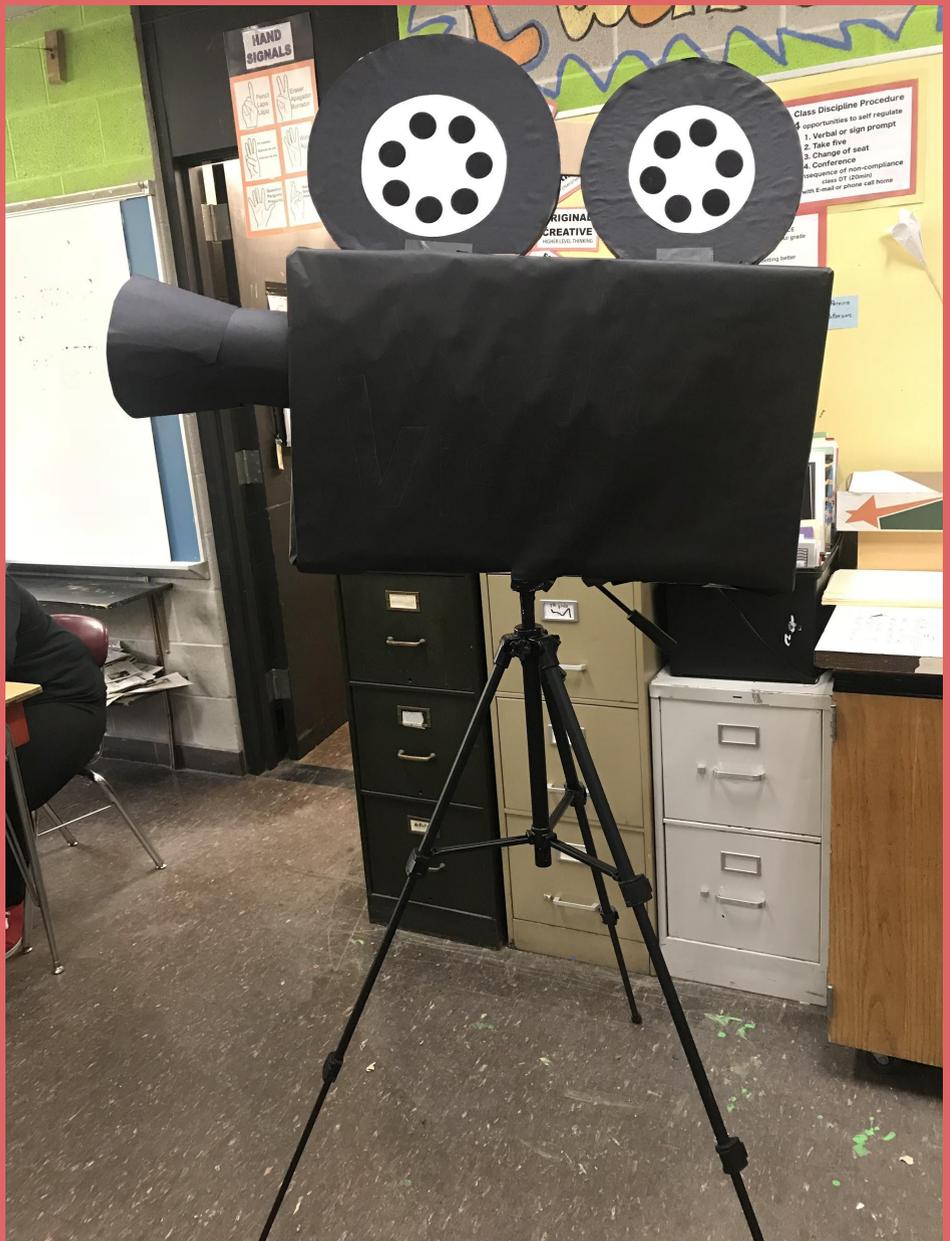
WHERE: Talbot auditorium

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“When I got my first teaching job at Trinity Christian School in Keene, N.H., it was the perfect opportunity,” she said. “I started a drama club for the middle school students there. Our first play was *The Wizard of Oz*. The next year we did *The Magician's Nephew*, and the third year we did *Alice in Wonderland*. At Trinity we didn't have a stage, so we had to travel to another location to practice and do our plays. When I saw the beautiful stage at Talbot with a curtain and stage lights I just couldn't resist!”

I ended by asking her what made her choose *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



“I like to choose classics for the plays I direct,” she said. “There are a lot of good new plays out there, but I just love the classics! It is a good opportunity to expose students to literature they might not read on their own. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is also special to me because it was my first play, so it is fun to pass on that memory and experience to new middle school students. Hopefully some of them will also find a love for drama and continue doing it.”

She also said that *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* can have a varying cast size. “You need at least enough actors for all the main characters, but you can have as many or as few Oompa-Loompas as you want,” she said. “This is my first time at a big school like Talbot. I didn't know how many people would want to be a part of drama. This way, I wouldn't have to turn anyone away. Anyone who didn't get a main part would still have the opportunity to be an Oompa-Loompa.” Mrs. Morelli is very excited for the production. The rest of the drama club and I have been working very hard. We all hope to see you June 1.

High school advice from former Tigers

By Analise Baez and Autumn Araujo

Dear Talbot students, are you scared for high school? Wanna know what the transition will be like? Feel like you might get lost? Well don't be. This is what to expect.

We talked to some former Talbot students who go to Durfee. One of them is Karen Pimentel, and we had ask how has the adjustment to high school been? And she said, "It's not too bad. I just had to put myself out there more and communicate. It was a lot easier to get used to than I thought it was. It was scary at first but then you get used to it." As you can see from her experience the transition to high school isn't as tough it may seem.

We also had asked another former student, Hannah Sousa, what her biggest challenge was. She said, "The biggest challenge has got to be going to a school that is triple the size of Talbot. Every single hallway looks the same and the first couple of weeks I felt it was always going in circles, but as time (passed) you can most definitely get used to it!!"

When you're transitioning into a new environment, it may be confusing, but you'll get used to it after a little while.

We also reached out to another former student, Bryannah Gifford, and had asked her what has the best part being in high school?

"I think the best part about high school is you get to reunite with people you haven't seen since elementary school, and become friends with them again," she said.

As you can see from all these former students, the experience of entering high school is challenging, but you should be fine and have nothing to worry about. And if you're having trouble now in your school work you need to do better.



Talbot's Top Students: Term 3

Teachers from each team have picked Top Student for the first part of the school year. Here they are:

Grade 6: Victoria Cornwall (ABCD); Morgan Raposo (EFGH)

Grade 7: Skyla Arruda (ABCD).

Grade 8: Andrew Brodeur (ABCD); Joseph Torres (EFGH)

Talbot A-B-C: Vilmarie Bartolmei Ortega (AB), Ronnie Jerrier (C)

Keep trying Talbot Tigers. And don't forget to ROAR!

-- Compiled by Ariana Barboza

Canobie Lake trip awaits 8th graders

By Andrew Brodeur and Jeremy St. Ours

We had some questions about the Canobie Lake field trip, which is going to take place on June 12, and we were able to get them answered by Ms. Moniz, who is organizing the trip.

Our first question was what rides at the park are most popular among the students. Ms. Moniz's response was that out of 85 rides, students most enjoyed going on the water slides, the roller coasters, The Zero Gravity, The Starblaster and The Turkish Twist.

Ms. Moniz said that cost of the trip "is \$36 per student, which includes the bus ride up." She also said that this will include school lunch.

Do students have to wear school uniforms? "Uniforms are NOT required," she said. "However, proper dress is! IF and ONLY IF you are in the water park you are allowed to wear your bathing suit. For safety purposes, and because it is a family park, once you leave the water park area, you must be properly dressed so that it is safe to ride the roller coasters."

Our final question we asked was, how long will we be there for? She replied with, "It is a long day and you have several hours to hang out and ride the rides. We leave Talbot at 8:00 in hopes to arrive around 9-9:30, and leave at 3, to return at school by 4:30."

Talbot graduation is fast approaching!

By John Gomes and Steven Williams

Eighth-grade graduation is coming soon. We asked Mrs. Plourde, the event organizer, some questions about it. Here are her responses.

One question we had is, where is Graduation held? Mrs. Plourde said graduation is held at Durfee High School. The time and date are 6 p.m. on Monday, June 18.

Another question we asked is, are there going to be other activities during the graduation? "There are usually a student speaker, musical performances, and awards," she said.

We also wondered about tickets. "Historically, we have given 4 tickets for each student," she said. "A student does not need a ticket. Of course, we have to review the number of students we have graduating this year and we can adjust if there is more or less room."

Finally, we asked if all the eighth graders attend the graduation, and she said that students do not have to attend graduation. They are able to pick up their report card at the school the next day. "It is time for you and your family to celebrate your accomplishment, but it is not mandatory," she said. "You will still graduate, even if you do not attend ceremony."

Graduation

When: Monday, June 18

Where: Durfee High School Auditorium

Note: Each student should receive four free tickets