

THEATRE GUILD

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Holland High School

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Dear Friends of Holland High Theatre,

Twenty-four years ago, I came to Holland High hoping to direct a play or two, and maybe help a little with the speech teams. Each year since, I've raised the bar, for both myself and my students. **Last year, we** •set record attendance with our fall musical, •qualified for our 23rd state theatre finals, •presented three full productions including one for just 7th & 8th graders, •had a championship forensics team with four individual state champions and a nationally ranked forensics team, plus, we won our 16th State Theatre title with *Romeo and Juliet*!



This year, our dreams are even bigger! With over 210 students involved in musicals & plays and 40+ students on the forensics team, 2010-2011 is shaping up to be our biggest season yet! As Holland High gains an entirely new look, Theatre making some changes as well! *How will this year be different?* We've added to our season to give more students an opportunity to be involved. We will present our musical and play at the high school, as well as the forensics team, continuing our 7th, 8th and 9th grade musical, and adding an outside show in the spring, and going national with our forensics and congressional debate team!

My former HHS students always have fond talk of theatre & forensics and the many positive lessons they learned. I remain absolutely in awe of our students' attainments – the confidence and skills they develop are, *and not to sound dramatic*, life changing. Talk about an investment with a huge dividend! But our shrinking budgets are not keeping pace with growing student enthusiasm and involvement. **It is impossible to fully serve our students without your help.** Please help keep these opportunities open.

Please consider placing your business ad in our very successful playbill used at all theatre performances. It reaches approximately 2500 Holland area individuals during November/December – just prior to the Holiday season – an added plus for any retailer! The playbill is also distributed throughout the schools and the community for marketing purposes potentially reaching another 2,000-3,000 people. Plus, your patronage is included in our competitive theatre program. With 16 state championships, we draw audience members from across the state. Just decide the ad size you want and we'll make the rest as easy as possible!

Parents, teachers and community members can support and encourage through a Theatre Guild Annual Membership at the financial level they select (more info on the enclosed sheet). Theatre Guild members are also recognized in our playbill!

I continue to be inspired by the generosity of the Holland community. **Thank you for considering any form of support for the Holland Public Schools award winning Theatre and Forensics Programs!** In these difficult times, we appreciate your support in any form. We hope you will find the time to come out and see a show, or to watch a round of forensics. I don't think it will take long before you see the value in Holland High School Theatre and forensics.

Please join us December 2, 3, 4, 10 or 11 at 8:00 p.m. for our fall show, THE THREE MUSKETEERS. In January, we will premier our competition theatre presentation! February through May is our forensics season, and March brings **MUSIC MAN JR.** to our stage featuring our 7th, 8th and 9th grader students. During Tulip Time we will be presenting the musical FOREVER PLAID, and this spring we have one last surprise performance!

Please contact **Julie Taylor** with any questions at **616-886-8800** or e-mail: tailoredmarketing@comcast.net

Sincerely,

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