

THEATRE GUILD



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Holland High School

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Dear Friends of Holland High Theatre,

Another school year is upon us, and with it another year of dreams and challenges for the students of Holland High theatre and forensics. **Last year, we set record attendance with our fall musical, qualified for our 22nd state theatre finals, staged three full productions, had a championship forensics team (with three individual state champions), a nationally ranked forensics team...we also won our 15th State Theatre title!!** This year, our dreams are even bigger! With more than 130 students involved in the musical and competition play, and over 40 students on the forensics team, 2009-2010 is already shaping up to be our biggest season yet!



As our student involvement increases, our budgets continue to decrease. **It is no longer possible to fully serve the growing number of students without your help.**

This year we are once again selling ad space in our very successful playbill for use at all theatre performances, reaching approximately 2500 individuals from the Holland area during the November/December time frame. In addition, this playbill will be distributed throughout the schools and the community for marketing purposes and has the potential to reach another two to three thousand. Our playbill will be in circulation prior to the Holiday season which is an added plus for any retailer! We also include your patronage in our competitive theatre program. Since Holland High has won 15 state championships, we draw audience members from across the state. Please consider placing an ad for your business. All you have to do is decide the ad size you want and we'll make the rest as easy as possible!

We are also pleased to continue our Theatre Guild Annual Membership Program which gives our parents, teachers and community members a chance to be a supporter at the financial level that best suits their needs. Theatre Guild members are recognized in our playbill and in our lobby display. Please see the enclosed sheet to decide which level is right for you!

I have been at Holland for 23 years now, and continue to be inspired by the generosity of the community. I often get a chance to talk to my first students here at HHS, and never tire to hear them talk fondly about the theatre and forensics program, as well as the many positive lessons they learned from their involvement. The confidence and skills the students learn are, and not to sound dramatic, life changing. I remain absolutely in awe of the students here at Holland high School when I see how much they can attain when given the opportunity. Talk about an investment with a huge dividend.

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. 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 3, 4, 5, 11 or 12 at 8:00 p.m. for our fall musical, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. In January, we will premier our competition theatre presentation! February through May is our forensics season, and **May brings about our final high school production, as well as something new...an 8th grade play!**

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Sincerely,

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