



## Open House Presentation Notes

Presentation began at 2:32

### Theatre Boosters:

- Shelley gave welcome speech and introduced all of the board members. She explained how boosters help the theatre program, how the money from our fundraising is spent, and how to join the booster club. We support students, teachers and program by producing the playbills for musicals, offer concessions for theatre events, give scholarships for seniors, pay for the end of the year banquet, provide food and travel for participants of Thespian State, UIL-OAP and tech week rehearsals for major productions, and we provide hospitality for visiting instructors.
- Paige shared information about our scholarship program. We gave out \$2,750 last year and would love to increase this number. Students need to be a booster member by December 20th in order to qualify for scholarships.
- DeAnna shared some information about what types of fundraisers we do throughout the year. She shared info about monthly spirit nights, the first will be on 9/5/24 at Amy's ice cream. She briefly mentioned the opportunity to purchase ad space in our playbills in the future. More info to come on that later.
- Shelley shared the websites and social media to stay up to date on all things theatre related. [www.rrhstheatreboosters.com](http://www.rrhstheatreboosters.com), rrhsthespians.com, Facebook: Round Rock HS Theatre Booster Club, Instagram: @rrhsthespians, @rrhstechies, @rrhssomethingrotten

### Director Introductions:

- Johanna Whitmore: She has been with RRHS since 1995 and in charge of theatre since 1999. She shared her experience on how the program has grown and changed during that time. She gave some info about the International Thespian Honor Society, the Heller Awards, UIL competitions, and the beginning of musicals at RRHS on 2014. She shared how integral boosters have been to the shows and the program since it began 15yrs ago. She is teaching 5 courses this year at RRHS: Theatre 1, Tech 1, Musical theatre, and 2 production classes.
- Charles Hobby: He has been at RRHS for 22 years. Teaches Tech 1 and Tech 10 (1,2,3,4 combined) classes, as well as production and theatre.
- Brent Irwin: He has been at RRHS for 4 years and working with the Theatre program for 3 years. He does not have a theatre class this year, he teaches Computer Science. He also spoke about how important the booster club is to the program.
- Fall Production: Madwoman of Chailott - A french satire about an eccentric madwoman who fights back against corrupt businessmen to save Paris. Show dates: Oct. 17th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th in Ford's Theatre
- Musical: Something Rotten! - a comedy parody of Shakespeare and the Renaissance era, where two brothers (Nick & Nigel Bottom) try to outdo the Bard with a musical. Show dates: Jan 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th at the Stony Point PAC

### Thespian Officer Troupe 3543:

- Introduction of the Thespian Officers and what their roles are. Talked about Thespian being an International Honor Society with inductions at the end of the year. Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month from 4:30 to 5 in Ford's Theatre. Next meeting is Sept 5th with a plan to meet at Amy's Ice Cream afterward for the first Spirit Night. Mentioned upcoming events, TOTSKE (Trick or Treat so kids can eat) and Halloween Party (date TBD).



### **Presentation about Parents for Arts Education:**

- Trina Martin spoke about her organizations (PAE and SAE). Her goal is to bring all arts voices together to promote arts in education. She spoke of mandates made by the state and how those are unfunded currently. She promoted and asked parents to join and follow her on social media platforms, she speaks with congress and more followers means more people backing arts. Her goal is to get older kids in front of younger kids to promote fine arts as a useful skill set for any future career and to share that colleges think that fine arts are important and make well rounded students. With her Students for Arts Educations group our kids would have opportunities to show leadership in the community and earn volunteer hours. The first opportunity to work together would be the RR Arts Festival, students can dress up in character and speak to younger kids about theatre and fine arts.

Presentation ended at 3:03pm

Thanks for coming and please stay, mingle, snack and get your merch!