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McAuliffe's Drama Club Presents *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*



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By Emma Murphy

THIS YEAR McAuliffe's Drama

Club is putting on a rendition of *Alice In Wonderland Jr.*, and everyone is hyped! The club has been preparing for the show since the beginning of the year, and we, as the viewers, have been preparing to get our socks blown off. Showtimes will be Friday, March 17th at 7PM, Saturday, March 18th at 1PM, and Sunday, March 19th at 1PM at Jackson Liberty High School.

In the show, viewers will see Allison Rosofsky playing the lead, Alice, and Alyssa Cainzos playing the role of the Queen of Hearts. Lions Print staff interviewed Drama Club advisor, Mr. Vaughn all about the *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* show:

Lions Print Staff: What would you say to people who want to try out next year, but are too nervous?

Mr. Vaughn: Almost everyone that tries out is nervous. But we try to make a comfortable environment to help with that.



Lions Print Staff: What would you do if you had to choose between an amazing play that almost no one goes to see or not the perfect play, but a lot of people go to see it and why?

Mr. Vaughn: I'd choose the great play that almost no one goes to see because while the ticket sales would be great, I'd rather the kids be proud of the show that they put on.

Go out and see McAuliffe's Drama Club and their version of *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* on March 17-19th!

See page 2 of the newspaper for the inside scoop on the Drama Club's Backstage Crew who helps keep the show running smooth performance after performance.



Alice in Wonderland Jr., an Inside Look at Stage Crew

By Keegan Saliski



McAuliffe's Drama Club isn't only about the actors. It's about the Backstage Crew too.

What is backstage? Backstage crew is a separate part of the Drama Club consisting of the people who move the props throughout the show. If you have ever been to a play and noticed a specific setting in one scene and then a different scene after the curtains close or the lights are dark, that's the work of the backstage crew. As a member of the backstage crew, students have to learn all of the scenes of the play, and know when and where the prop changes occur.

How can McAuliffe students join Backstage Crew? To join backstage crew, interested students must go to the first meeting of McAuliffe's Drama Club. Interested students must then answer a questionnaire that is provided at the first meeting asking why you would like to join backstage. The Drama Club advisors read through the potential members, and select a group of students. Most of the students who hand in a form are chosen, but no one is guaranteed a spot. Señora Gittler's posts the final Backstage Crew list on her classroom door. .

What are some other cool things about being in Drama Club and Backstage Crew? Is there really an opportunity to go to New York and see a play? A cool thing about Drama Club and Backstage Crew is that, at the end of each year, members get the chance to see a Broadway show! This year members will be going to New York City to see *Kinky Boots* on Broadway, and will be going out to eat afterwards.



Robotics Club Tournament

By Madison Patterson



McAuliffe students welcomed a new club to the building this school year, Robotics Club. The Robotics Club is open to 7th and 8th grade students who will be given the opportunity to work on Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robots. The devices allow for hands-on robot building and coding actions.

The Robotics Club recently took a trip to Ocean County Community College to attend the Ocean County Robotics Tournament and compete against teams and clubs from other schools and academies. There were some really creative inventions presented, including robots built and programmed to various things, such as feed your pets, play the piano, and even pour your orange juice!



The teams got awards in many categories, including programming, design, and even teamwork. The talent presented made it a tough decision for the judges. McAuliffe Robotics Club was awarded for teamwork! Congrats to all of the members of the Robotics Clubs who participated and helped bring home the award.



McAuliffe is lucky to have so many different kinds of clubs for students to participate in. Here, at the "Club Corner", we will be highlighting what's going on with various McAuliffe's Clubs.

<p>Student Council with Mrs. Cascio</p>	<p>Current Projects: Animal Shelter Drive There will be a collection of pet items, from dog food to blankets for the Jersey Shore Animal Shelter. Donations will be accepted through March 22nd</p> <p>Upcoming Events: Charity volleyball game Wellness package drive for Children's Hospitals</p>
<p>National Science League with Mrs. Disanza</p>	<p>Current: New experiment and project each month Check the website to see the latest experiment</p> <p>Past Experiments: Homopolar motors & Ghost rockets</p>
<p>Fishing Club with Mr. Pratt</p>	<p>Current: Representatives from Trout Unlimited and Trout Unlimited Teens will be coming in to talk to club members</p> <p>Upcoming Meetings: Information and lessons about the ins and outs of fishing</p>
<p>Spanish Club with Mrs. Gittler</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: Video contest where club members will enter a video on a Spanish theme</p>
<p>Math Club with Ms. Peclet</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: Club members will be going to Georgian Court University on May 30th for their next competition.</p> <p>Congratulations to the Math League team for winning 6th place in the most recent state-wide competition!</p>
<p>Mural Club with Ms. North</p>	<p>Current: Club members are painting a "Respect Tree" outside of the cafeteria</p> <p>Past Events: Created Christmas ornaments Holiday cards for Operation Shoebox</p>

7th and 8th Grades Valentine's and Superlative Dance

By Madison Patterson

LOVE was in the air on the night of Friday, February 10th as the marvelous 7th and 8th grade Valentine's dance was being held in the McAuliffe cafeteria! There was a DJ, lots of snacks, and the superlatives for 8th grade students were announced! Lions Print staff interviewed students and teachers who attended the dance.

Questions were first asked to some 8th grade students who attended the dance:

Lion Prints Staff: How was the event? Did you enjoy it overall? Why or why not?

Students: I enjoyed it because I enjoyed being with all of my friends and I really enjoyed the freedom.

Lion Prints Staff: Do you recommend the Valentine's/ Superlative Dance to 6th graders when they can participate in the future once they reach 7th or 8th grade? Why or why not?

Students: Yes, because it is a very enjoyable experience. It is very fun and exciting! I don't know what's harder to find, an outfit or a date!

Questions were then asked to teachers who attended the event as chaperones:

Lions Print Staff: Who was in charge of organizing the event? Who helped with the many decorations and snacks?



Teachers: Student activities, Mrs.Parlow and Ms. Healy, along with student volunteers helped with the decorations and snacks. Other teachers volunteered to attend and chaperone the event.

Lions Print Staff: Do you think the students enjoyed the event? Why or why not?

Teachers: I think overall they did have a good time. And the DJ did a great job. Many of the students commented on how much they enjoyed the music.

Lions Print Staff: Do you think this dance is one that will change in the future? If so, in what way?

Teachers: We did recently have a change in the DJ. There might be a change in decorations, but since the students liked the event so much I think most aspects of the dance will stay the same.

That's all folks! We try our best to make sure the students have the best experience and we hope to see more students attend this dazzling event in many years to come!



McAuliffe's Sports Shorts



Season Overview: Girl's Basketball

THE GIRLS basketball team had a tremendous 2016-17 season, compiling a 17-4 record and a 10-2 mark in the Ocean County Athletic League (OCIAL) Blue Division. Despite the success, the Lady Lions couldn't overcome nemesis Manchester, and had to settle for second place.

Coach Novak's squad also snatched second place in both tournaments the team entered, capturing runner-up honors in both the St. Dominic's and Vet's Tournaments.

Leading the effort for McAuliffe was a solid group of players including Maura Carney, Angelique Dinnal, Riley Elias, Zoe Holmes and Ashleigh Tavaska. Elias and Holmes were selected to participate in the OCIAL All-Stars representing McAuliffe, capping off a very successful season.

Season Overview: Boy's Basketball

THE MCAULIFFE BOYS Basketball team made great improvement throughout the season that included some major highlights in compiling a 5-7 conference record in the OCIAL Blue Division.

The highlight of the season came on January 19th when the Lions entertained undefeated Barnegat at McAuliffe. In that game, a combination of tenacious defense and balanced scoring led Coach Roma's Lions to a 39-32 victory. In the season finale, McAuliffe put a scare into OCIAL powerhouse Central Regional, playing Central down to the wire.

Standout players for McAuliffe included Dallas Weisse, Jake Hickman, Chidubem Emenuga, Tim Lentini, Tyler Cunningham, Dahkareo Pritchett and Carl Barth. Cunningham and Lentini represented McAuliffe in the OCIAL All-Star Game.



Season Overview: Wrestling

THE MCAULIFFE WRESTLING team struggled against the rough and tumble Blue Division of the OCIAL, grappling its way to five overall wins including a 2-5 record in its division.

Highlighting Coach Totten's squad's accomplishments were consecutive winning matches versus both of Freehold's middle schools. The team boasted three wrestlers who captured Blue Division Individual Conference Championships. These decorated wrestlers were Ryan Kinsman, Ryan DeJesus and Jon Recio who battled their way through their weight classes to bring home individual honors.



Book Review: *Cirque du Freak* by Darren Shan

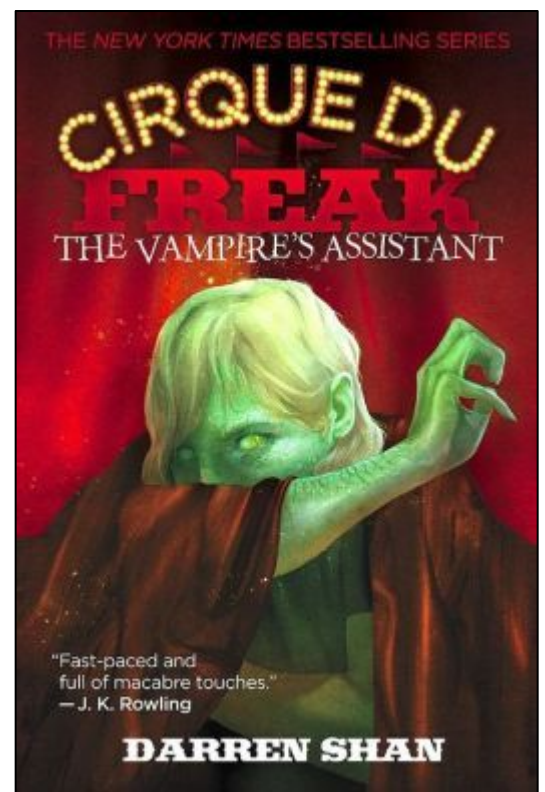
Review by Madison Patterson

WHAT COULD BE BETTER than experiencing the life of monsters, freaks, and other horrors alike? You can find out in this amazing adventurous 12 book series thriller known as *Cirque du freak* written by Darren Shan! This story is filled with so many twists and turns it'll be sure to leave you on the edge of your seat! A personal favorite moment of mine is when the book introduces Rhamus Twobellies, who could eat for days with no end.

In the beginning of the first book, it tells the story tells of a young boy named Darren Shan and his best friend Steve Leonard, who weren't exactly the best in school. One day they find mysterious tickets to see a grand freak show called "Cirque du Freak".

The boys both get excited at this offer and sneak off to the freak show that night, only to see outlandish displays and extravagant creatures! The main performance, which captured their eyes was the amazing Mr. Crepsley and his pet spider, Madam Octa! Steve states that he has read many stories and books about monsters and other peculiar creations before, and he believes that Mr. Crepsley might be a vampire.

After the show, the two boys sneak backstage to confront Mr. Crepsley about whether or not he is a vampire, and they get their answer! What was his answer? Well, you'll have to read for yourself to find out! If you love courageous stories filled with monsters, vampires, and freaks galore, then this is the right book for you!



The United States Presidential Inauguration

By Justin Watts



DONALD J. Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States on Friday, January 20, 2017. Trump, a Republican from New York, took the oath of office from Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. Slovenia-native Melania Trump, the new First Lady, stood by her husband as he took the oath. Former Indiana Governor Mike Pence was also sworn in as the new Vice President. Outgoing President Barack Obama was on hand for the transfer of power and was joined in attendance by former Presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Since the Inauguration ceremony, the new President has been focusing on his cabinet, as several nominees have been confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Among those confirmed are Rex Tillerson (Secretary of State), James Mattis (Secretary of Defense), Steven Mnuchin (Secretary of the Treasury), Jeff Sessions (Attorney General) and Betsy DeVos (Secretary of Education), who was narrowly confirmed by a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Pence, 51-50.

Now the real work has begun as the new President must grapple with numerous domestic and foreign issues that have been difficult for both parties to solve. The United States will certainly be watching closely for the next four years as President Donald J. Trump attempts to implement his policies as President of the United States.



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