

EXIT...STAGE LEFT

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Shakespeare Champion Crowned

On Thursday, January 7th, English teachers selected this year's Lake Braddock Shakespeare Champion. Junior **Rachael Ulmer** won the right to represent Lake Braddock at the metro Competition in DC this March. The competition was open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 at Braddock. Students competing must enact a monologue of approximately 20 lines from one of Shakespeare's plays and recite from memory one of his sonnets. Joining Rachael in the competition was first runner up **Josh Maley** and **Sara Silversmith**, both sophomores. Below are the previous LBT Shakespeare Champions:

Before 1994, Fairfax County did not participate

1994 David Burns (D. C. Metro Champion)

1995 Silvija Ozols (D. C. Metro Finalist)

1996 Chris Koch

1997 Michael Patrick

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1999 Matt Continetti

2000 Roya Zarrinnahad (D. C. Metro First Runner-up)

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2003 Kerry Kaleba

2004 Kathleen Mason

2005 Adam Ressa (D. C. Metro First Runner-up)

2006 Stephanie Ramsey (D. C. Metro Finalist)

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2008 Stephanie Ramsey

Wallace and Women and Thespians...oh my.

On Thursday, January 28th, will preview their VHSL Patriot District One-Act Play Festival entry, **Women and Wallace**. Following the 35 minute production, Lake Braddock International Thespians Society Troupe # 4807 will conduct the 20th inductions in the history of the chapter. The following students have met requirements needed to join the Theatre Honor Society: Seniors **Alex Marrs**, **Carolyn Metcalf**, **Rachel Newby**, **Erikka Robinson**, **Michael Ross**, **Doa's Salah** and Juniors: **Jimmy Day**, **Hisham El Mawan**, **Luke Esper** and **C. J. Tragakis**. Inducting them into the society will be a returning membership that includes ITS President **Hannah Dubrow**, Treasurer **Alex Kaplan** along with senior **Noelle Viñas** and Junior Vice-President **Rachael Ulmer**. The show and inductions begin at 7:30 pm and are free to the public.

Storybook Theatre and the Pea

In March 2009, Lake Braddock Theatre staged **A Hill Of Beans** for the highly acclaimed and richly rewarding Lake Braddock Storybook Theatre. The program's goal is to give all participants a low-stress/fun theatrical experience. Auditions were open to all, however, due to time and commitment restraints, those with large roles in mainstage shows did not expect large parts in Storybook. Junior **Rachael Ulmer** has agreed to direct Storybook Theatre's latest production, **The Princess and the Pea** by John O'Hara. Below is a list of important dates for this production:

- Interest meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2010
- Casting Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010
- First read through: Friday, January 22, 2010
- Monday, January 25, 2010 - Friday, March 5, 2010
general rehearsals
- Monday, March 8, 2010 - Thursday, March 11, 2010:
Production Week
- Friday, March 12, 2010: OPENING NIGHT!
- Saturday, March 13, 2010=:Matinee performance/
closing afternoon with strike after the performance

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LBT to Host District and Regional One-Act Play Festivals...Again

On Friday, January 29th, 2010, Lake Braddock Theatre will host its ninth Patriot District One-Act Play Festival. Overall, it marks the 14th Virginia High School League theatrical event held at the Lake since the building opened in 1973. The old Fairfax County Short Play Festival was a three-day event that saw performances from all twenty four high schools in Fairfax County as well as T. C. Williams High from Alexandria, was held here in 1983, 1984, 1992 and 1993. Since the Patriot District was created in 1995, Lake Braddock has been the host for the festival in 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009. The supposed "home field advantage" has been a mixed bag of results for LBT as they have advanced to the Regional festival just four times while only winning the Patriot title once in 2000 when hosting. LBT's two other Patriot District titles occurred on the road at T. C. Williams in 1996 and South County in 2006. Eight days later, LBT will host the Regional festival in which the Patriot and three other districts (National, Liberty, Concorde) will send their top two finishers to perform. This will be the fifth Northern Region Festival held at Lake Braddock, the others taking place in 1996, 1999, 2008 and 2009.

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Induction of the following new students into
International Thespian Troupe # 4807:*

*James Vincent Patrick Day
Hisham Mohamed El Mawan
Luke Thomas Esper
Alexandra Raquel Marrs
Carolyn Anne Metcalf
Rachel Lee Newby
Erikka Robinson
Michael Bret Ross
Doa'a Mousa Salah
Christopher James Fragakis*

Thursday, January 28, 2010 7:30 pm

SENIOR-ITIS

A MONTHLY COLUMN FROM THE THEATRE'S SENIORS

RACHEL NEWBY

It's finally my time to write one of these things. Goodness gracious. As every other senior that has come before me has probably already said, "I can't believe it all went too fast..." By the time you get this old I guess you could say you've seen the good, the great, the bad, and the ugglilly. High school wouldn't be high school if you didn't see it all. However, why try to remember the bad stuff? When you're fifty, old & wrinkly no one wants to think back on the good-ole- BAD days, only the good stuff. But where would all that GOOD stuff come from without an awesome group of people to make those memories with? I just might have said last year that there is absolutely no way I can have a better year with all the seniors that graduated. It's what month of this year & my mind has already changed? Y'all are amazing. What am I going to do without all of you next year? I'ma miss y'all terribly. But no crying yet, it's only DECEMBER! Now, for the good stuff: **not** getting into trouble at Cappies meetings, stupid fairy ears (ouch!), "Make way for her royal majesty!" (for the record, my only line in a main stage show), Bezella, "no more batteries?", the treacherous animations, iced coffees, "where's the remote?", Katrina Projects, "Minnesota don'tcha know?", endless pictures in the dressing rooms, secret & forbidden loves, all the sick days before & after the shows, show week...I could go on forever. If you only take away one thing from this bunch of rambling, remember this, "I love you all lots & keep up the wonderful work!"