

STAGE NOTES

A newsletter brought to you by the KHS Indian Theatre Boosters

2019/2020 BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP

You can sign up now to be a 2019/2020 KHS Indian Theatre Boosters member. Just visit our website and you can register online or download the form and send it in.

<https://khs theatreboosters.org/>

Our goals as boosters are to 1) Promote parental understanding of the students, activities, opportunities, and objectives of the theatre program; 2) Secure closer contact between parents, students, and theatre directors; 3) To foster closer ties between parents of younger students and parents of high school students; 4) Promote theatre culture in the community by fostering theatre attendance and public support of theatre activities; 5) To render financial aid in areas necessary for realizing the objectives of the theatre department.

There are different levels of booster membership. As a booster member you will be helping to support our theatre department, students and the staff, here at Keller High School. There are a lot of expenses to run a theatre program. The KHS Indian Theatre Boosters are here to help and rely on donations of time, concessions items, and money from our parents to help the department put on the quality productions that Keller High School is known for.

There will be opportunities for volunteering... “work days” for shows, feeding kids on dress rehearsals and performance days, concessions, merchandise tables, etc. Please consider volunteering your time to work concessions or merchandise tables during shows that your children are not performing in. This gives your fellow theatre parents an opportunity to see their child on the stage. Look for volunteer or donation requests on our website, by e-mail, or on Team App.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2019/2020 BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP

We will have tables set-up with membership forms and theatre merchandise for purchase at the following events:

***August 10 – Walk Your Schedule
August 12 – Theatre “Fish Camp”
August 26 – KHS Mini School***

SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER: *Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers*
August 26th - 4pm to 9pm, mention Keller High School when ordering.



AUGUST 2019

2019/2020 INDIAN THEATRE SHOW SEASON

The 2019/2020 Indian Theatre Season has been announced and will have the theme: ♥ *Endless Love* ♥

- ♥ FALL PLAY: **METAMORPHOSES, September 19-22**
- ♥ FALL MUSICAL: **ALL SHOOK UP, November 1-3, 8-10**
- ♥ CHILDREN'S PLAY: **THE SNOW QUEEN, January 30-February 2**
- ♥ ONE ACT PLAY: **TBA, March 2020**

In addition to these shows, the theatre department will also be producing a [Showcase Series](#) to include:

Coffeehouse Cabarets:

- ♥ *Sweets & Treats – December 5, 2019*
- ♥ *Love Letters – February 7, 2020*

Musical Theatre Showcase:

- ♥ *Always & Forever – April 23, 2020*

KHS 6th Annual Class Play Festival: April 25, 2020

DISTRICT Class Play Festival: May 9, 2020

→ We are looking for Corporate or Individual Sponsors for the 2019/2020 KHS Theatre Season.



THEATRE FISH CAMP

Incoming Class of 2023...

Come and learn about the “ins and outs” of the KHS theatre department from your theatre officers.

AUDITIONS...

Auditions for the Fall Play – Metamorphoses and for the Fall Musical – All Shook Up will take place on August 16th – 17th. Be prepared for these auditions. Make sure to check out the audition website and sign up to audition. You need to read the contract with your parents. If students are in a production class (Freshmen Select or Production I – IV), you must audition.

Audition information website:

<https://sites.google.com/kellerisd.net/khs-theatre-auditions/home>

THEATRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MEETING

THEATRE DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH FROM 4 TO 5 PM IN THE FAC

It was announced via TeamApp in July that the theatre department would be having quarterly meetings with the students and the Theatre Department Staff. The meetings are designed to foster and communicate vision, expectations, goals and to instill values to create a healthy atmosphere throughout the department. All students enrolled in theatre courses are expected to attend these quarterly department meetings.

WINTER SHOW ANNOUNCED

The third show of our season, which will serve as our Children’s show, is a family-friendly fantasy fable – The Snow Queen. We will host hundreds of 3rd grade students across our district for two morning and afternoon performances, as well as evening public performances. This show is perfectly placed in the dead of Winter which is when our tale takes place.

January 30, 2020 thru February 2, 2020.

OUR OWN TECHNICAL THEATRE DIRECTOR, MR. KETCHAM, WINS 2019 REGION 11 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Ketcham was nominated for the honor by earning Keller ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year recognition in the spring of 2019. Region 11 considers the teacher of the year selections from the 77 public school districts it represents for regional recognition.

Ketcham has been our Technical Theatre Director since 2016. He graduated from Fossil Ridge High School in 2001 and returned to Keller ISD right out of college in 2006 to teach U.S. History at Hillwood Middle School. After nine years at Hillwood, Ketcham taught for a year at Timberview Middle School before moving to KHS.



"We are extremely proud of Mr. Ketcham and excited that his commitment and passion for educating Keller ISD students over the past 13 years was recognized by Region 11," said Keller ISD Superintendent Dr. Rick Westfall. "Mr. Ketcham is a tremendous example of the exceptional teachers in our District, and this honor is well deserved."

Next up for Ketcham, he will join the other 20 regional teachers of the year throughout Texas to be considered for State Teacher of the Year

Honors. From those 20, three will be selected as State Semifinalists for final consideration for Teacher of the Year.

State-level semifinalist judging will take place in August with a panel of judges composed of members of teacher associations selecting the three finalists. Finalists will be notified in September and interviewed in October. The winners will be announced at the Texas Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony in October 2019.

Congratulations and best of luck to Mr. Ketcham throughout the State Teacher of the Year process!

TECHNICAL THEATRE OLYMPICS

Mr. Ketcham holds an annual "Tech Olympics" for his technical theatre classes at the end of the school year. 48 teams competed! Lowest amount of time wins. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

3rd Annual Golden Bolt Champions: "The Rat Boiz" (1028)

Second Place: "Nail Strippers" (1044)

Third Place: "Bikini Bottom Bad Boys" (1070)

...Last Place: "Nailed It" (1819)

NEW DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED FOR KHS



Mrs. Mandi Tapi Pace (Mrs. Tapi) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts from Texas A&M University and a Master of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Directing from Texas State University. She has spent the last three years teaching at Bastrop High School in Bastrop, Texas. She also serves on the Texas Thespian Board where her love for mentoring teachers and students is at the forefront of many activities throughout the year.

This year at Keller High School, Mrs. Tapi will teach Theatre I, Partners Theatre, Theatre II-IV, and Production II.

SUMMER POW WOW – “UNDER THE BIG TOP” WAS A SUCCESS!

Keller High School’s Elementary Musical Theatre Camp (for grades 1st – 6th) known as Pow Wow was held May 28-31. The theme for this year’s camp was “Under the Big Top”. We had 70 kids registered for this event.



Theatre department students volunteered to work this event with our wonderful directors, C. Nicholas Morris and Laura Harris, who hosted and were directors of this camp. A hot dog lunch was provided to the kids on the last day of camp by the KHS Indian Theatre Boosters.



MS. FREEMAN MOVING ON TO ANOTHER KISD SCHOOL

Ms. Freeman announced on Friday, May 17, 2019 to her students that she would not be returning to our department in the Fall. She has taken a position in the theatre department at one of our “sister schools” – Fossil Ridge High School. We wish her the best and look forward to seeing her and cheering on our fellow KISD thespians at their theatre productions in the coming year.



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**KHS INDIAN THEATRE
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- AUGUST 10 WALK YOUR SCHEDULE
- AUGUST 12 INDIAN THEATRE FISH CAMP
- AUGUST 14 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019/2020
- AUGUST 15 QUARTERLY THEATRE DEPARTMENT MEETING
- AUGUST 16-17 AUDITIONS FOR FALL PLAY/FALL MUSICAL
- AUGUST 26 BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER: FREDDY’S!
- AUGUST 26 KHS “MINI SCHOOL” NIGHT

- SEPTEMBER 2 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY/ Theatre Students Back to School Social
- SEPTEMBER 5 COMPANY ALL CALL FUNDRAISER
- SEPTEMBER 9 KHS HOMECOMING PARADE
- SEPTEMBER 19-22 INDIAN THEATRE PRESENTS... METAMORPHOSES

NEXT KHS INDIAN THEATRE BOOSTERS MEETING:

BOARD* & STUDENT OFFICER MEETING: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019
 6:15pm – Keller Public Library Meeting Room
 Discussion: Company All Call Fundraiser (formerly Blitz), Metamorphoses, Booster Budget
 *Board to bring a bag of candy for homecoming parade



Want to help support our theatre department but you don't have the time?

Our boosters can accept donations in any amount through paypal@khstheatreboosters.org

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