



Tuscarora Theatre Booster Club (“TTBC”)

April Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES (ALL BASED ON CURRENT LCPS GUIDELINES)

Little Women will be filmed April 26 – 28 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm and the students will strike the set on May 2

Little Women will Stream for public viewing on May 7, 8 and 9 at 7:00pm. **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW AT**
<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/49166>

Fine Arts College Acceptance Night for Seniors will be held on May 20 at 7:00pm – THS Auditorium (4 guests)

Into the Woods is scheduled to be performed on June 5 and 6 (more information to follow)

Drama Banquet is tentatively scheduled to be held on June 13 (more information to follow)

SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CAMP

Since Smart’s Mill was not able to have a show this year and the current THS freshmen were not able to experience the full Tuscarora welcome, Mr. Daniel has decided to hold a one-week camp to introduce these students to the THS facilities and get them performing again. Current sophomores and junior can also participate.

The camp will be held Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, July 9 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The total cost is \$165. The kids will perform two short (10 minute) musicals, learn fun theater games and have masterclasses. For more information see <https://fs22.formsite.com/TTBC2014/dguhbcc1av/index.html>

CALL TO ACTION

Our Live Spring Theater Performance of Into the Woods is in Jeopardy!

Currently, under Executive Order 72, all school sponsored performing arts events are considered social gatherings and are not permitted more than 50 people in total including performers, crew, and audience. However, indoor athletic events can have up to 100 spectators, not including the teams. Having different standards for the arts and athletics is completely inequitable.

What can you do?

1) Please sign this petition sponsored by VMEA, Virginia Thespians, VTA, and Virginia Coalition of the Arts, to allow our performing arts students to operate under EO72 as an entertainment venue NOT a social gathering. The petition will be shared with the Governor, Virginia Department of Health, State Secretary of Education, and State Superintendent. Invite arts education supporters you know to also sign the petition: parents, colleagues, friends, community members, friends, former students, etc.

https://www.change.org/p/allow-virginia-s-public-school-performing-arts-students-to-perform?recruiter=1192076229&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&utm_term=psf_combo_share_initial&recruited_by_id=4b1ebb90-9a18-11eb-8be2-3ba645efece9

2) Consider writing the [Governor](#) to share your concerns and the aforementioned potential solution. Write to your state representatives as well (Wendy Gooditis: DelWGooditis@house.virginia.gov, Jennifer Boysko: district33@senate.virginia.gov)

Invite others to do the same! Feel free to use the talking points below to guide your request.

- Request a review of Executive Order 72 to align school performing arts to the "Entertainment and Amusement Businesses " guidance which includes performing arts venues and concert venues. This would allow our school performing arts students to perform for an audience of at least 30% of capacity indoors and outdoors.
- Performances can easily be scheduled and placed within the facility to ensure safety, social distancing and enhanced mitigation strategies. We can provide our students, families and communities a very safe environment to reconnect with their schools.
- K-12 arts performances are a clear extension of the school-day curriculum and integral component of the Virginia Fine Arts Standards of Learning (which were adopted by the Virginia Board of Education).
- Performing arts courses/programs are a performance-based endeavor and demonstrate the very epitome of "workplace-readiness" and "work-based learning" skills that Virginia deems important.
- *Both performers and audience members benefit physically, emotionally, and mentally from performances. School performances contribute positively to the overall school climate.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Zoe Benton received the top Critics Review in the previous Cappies assignment.

TTBC GOALS

Membership	Sponsorships
<p>Our goal is to grow TTBC membership!</p> <p>Please share membership information with other parents and encourage them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the performing arts at Tuscarora • stay informed, • join our community • help all students (performers/tech crew). <p>More info about gold and standard annual membership is available online at https://www.tuscaroraperformingarts.org/join-boosters.html</p>	<p>Do you own a business or know someone who does?</p> <p>Don't own a business but you or your family would like to become a sponsor for TTBC?</p> <p>You can do that too! Please consider becoming a much-appreciated sponsor! There are several levels of sponsorship you can choose.</p> <p>Please go to our link to find out more at https://www.tuscaroraperformingarts.org/donate.html</p>
Meet the Board	Meetings
<p>Carol Steinkirchner – President Kerry Benton – Past Executive Christine Dileon - Secretary Kevin Steeprow - Treasurer Lisa Johnson - VP of Fundraising Sophie Reed - VP of Membership Melanie Cuzzo - VP of Events Jennifer Steeprow – Concessions /At-Large Member Cris Hunn – Merchandise Mary Pellicano – Cappies Chairperson Justin Daniel – Theatre Director Dr. Fredericka Harris, Administrative Representative</p>	<p>All meeting will be via Zoom (Dates will be posted)</p> <p>All meeting minutes will be posted at https://www.tuscaroraperformingarts.org/board-minutes.html</p>