



Birdville High School Stage Hawks

2009-2010

Next Up... Musical!



WELCOME

You can catch up on 2008-2009 and see updates, information, and pictures from all events for 2009-2010 at our Web site: www.stagehawks.org. Explore!

2009-2010 is off to a wonderful start. Audience reception for the fall show was phenomenal. Our musical will be another opportunity to showcase the wonderful talent in the BHS Fine Arts programs.

Our students start November with the final night of our fall show production of ***The Triangle Factory Fire Project***, based on events surrounding the Triangle Waist Company fire which happened in New York City in 1911. The final night is Tuesday, November 2, at 7:30 PM in the BHS Auditorium. The cast and crew also presented the first act of The Triangle Factory Fire Project to Birdville High School's History classes on October 30 and again during the first week of November. See the article on [page 2](#) to see why.

BHS Theatre immediately begins musical auditions the day after The Triangle Factory Fire Project wraps up production on November 3. If your student is interested, they should sign up outside the theatre room for an audition slot. Times are filling quickly, so hurry! They will be required to read a monologue and sing a song selection. Speak with Mr. Williamson or Miss Ayres for more information.

BHS Theatre will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5 from 8 AM—10 AM at the Applebee's located at the intersection of Rufe Snow and NE Loop 820. Tickets are \$6.00 per person for all you can pancakes and sausage. Our theatre students will be your waiters and waitresses! Theatre students will have tickets to sell later in the month, meanwhile, email us at bhstheatreboosters@gmail.com for tickets or more information.

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STAGE HAWKS

BHS Theatre students are now Stage Hawks.

They are in the process of creating a graphic to represent their new image and branding. We have added it to our Web address, www.stagehawks.org, and will include the image on our Web pages and other items once the design is complete.

GO STAGE HAWKS!!!

THE TRIANGLE FACTORY FIRE PROJECT

Final Show Date and Time:

Monday, November 2, at 7:30 PM

PRICING:

\$5 for students (with ID)

\$8 for adults

Tickets available at the door

The Story Behind the Triangle Factory Fire Project

On March 25, 1911 a rapid blaze at the Triangle Waist Company, a factory near Washington Square Park in Manhattan, led to the deaths of one hundred forty-six workers, most within 25 minutes from when the fire began. One stairwell exit was locked, a fire escape collapsed, and even the fire department's tallest ladder could not reach beyond the sixth floor of the ten story building. The fire consumed the top three floors. Following the inferno, the owners of the factory went on trial for manslaughter. The New York community of the 1910's fell into a public frenzy and debate about the causes and effects of the fire. Fingers were pointed, and people tried to lay blame, but no degree of outcry could bring back the dead.

The ambitious play, **THE TRIANGLE FACTORY FIRE PROJECT**, recounts the infamous 1911 tragedy by drawing, in large part, from newspaper accounts and court testimony.

MUSICAL INFO:

BHS Theatre Presents:

***Bye Bye Birdie!* January 23-26, 2010.**

Put on a Happy Face! This funny musical's plot revolves around rock and roll superstar Conrad Birdie and the complications that arise when his agent stages a publicity stunt on the Ed Sullivan Show in which he will kiss one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio before being drafted into the Army.



Audition Information:

Auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie!* are scheduled for Nov. 3-5. Auditions begin at 3:30 PM (one actually is at 7:15 AM Tuesday, Nov. 3) each day and end time will depend on the number of students auditioning. Up to date information will be posted at www.stagehawks.org. You must turn in your signed conflict sheet to complete the audition process.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

A fee is required for all musical cast members. It will be in the \$60 range. This fee helps cover costume costs and other production related expenses. A mandatory meeting for the selected cast members and their parents on Monday, November 9, at 7PM. Cast members must attend this meeting with a parent unless arrangements are made prior to meeting.

See Mr. Williamson or Miss Ayers for more information as dates approach.

A Note From Our Booster Club President:

BHS Theater has had a very busy few months. We started off running with coffee shop and then fall show auditions. Our fall show, *The Triangle Factory Fire Project*, has been incredible with a cast of over 30 students, including 13 sophomores and 3 freshmen. It is the largest fall show cast to date, and we go straight into Musical auditions on Nov. 3rd.

I want to take a moment and thank all the Booster Club officers, members, and parents for all of your support of the theatre department, Mr. Williamson, and Miss Ayres. I also would like to give special recognition to Julie Stewart, our fundraiser coordinator. She has been very busy with car washes, pancake breakfasts, homecoming, feeding kids and organizing the front of the house...Just to name a few of the things she has been doing. Be sure to thank her for all her hard work when you see her.

As we head into the musical we will have many opportunities for parents to get involved. If you would like to be part of something exciting, we would love for you join us. I have personally enjoyed working with and getting to know all of the kids. Keep an eye on your email as we will be sending out a majority of our communication though charms, you can also stay in touch at www.stagehawks.org.



The Triangle Factory Fire Project—Dress Rehearsal, October 24, 2009.

See official photos at www.bhsphotos.com. (Click the BHS Photos icon, then scroll down and click on the Theatre icon.)

BHS Theatre Booster Club Communication & Social Networking

We have joined the technical age of communication...and how! Our Web page: www.stagehawks.org. Our ultimate communication tool. See up to date information, pictures, and other information on BHS Theatre and its activities.

Join our Fan Page on Facebook—www.facebook.com/birdvillehighschooltheatre. You can also join our Group of the same name. Parents, students, alumni, and our supportive community can use both to post pictures and comments on Theatre related activities. We hope to see you there.

BHS Theatre, along with Birdville High School, BISD, and other school organizations, uses Twitter to communicate. www.twitter.com/bhstheatre is our link, as to follow us and you can receive text messages to your phone when we update or you can check the twitter page at your leisure. Standard texting rates apply if you choose the text option.



In November our Thespians will attend the Texas Thespian Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Many of the cast of The Triangle Factory Fire Project were new to BHS Theatre main stage productions. The production included 3 freshman and 13 sophomores in addition to the already seasoned juniors and seniors in the program. Mr. Williamson and Miss Ayres are proud to introduce all of the new talent at BHS to the BHS community this fall. They look forward to seeing their talent grow and mature in the next few years.

Pictures and more information on all of these events and more can be found at www.stagehawks.org.

Booster Club Volunteer Opportunities:

The BHS Theatre Arts Booster Club supports the theatre program and activities at Birdville High School. We sell cookies during lunches every Friday and Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We sell concessions and manage ticket sales for productions, provide meals for the cast and crew during long rehearsal days, etc. We will sponsor the Starlight Dinner Theatre in February.

We need help and encourage parents to help in any way they can. If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of our activities, please email us at bhstheatreboosters@gmail.com.

Season Sponsors and Golden Patrons

Season Sponsors are donations in excess of \$300 and sponsors are recognized on all printed show material including programs and lobby posters.

Golden Patron donor are recognized at three level: Artist (25-49), Director (50-99), and Producer (\$100-299). Producer level donors also receive 2 general admission tickets to the musical in January. Interested? Please [contact us](#) for more information.

BHS Theatre Calendar:

All BHS Theatre and Booster Club activities and events are posted to our calendar. We try to keep this calendar as current as possible, but understand that rehearsal schedules and other activities sometimes change at the last minute.

You can access the calendar by clicking on the *Calendar link* on the left side of page at www.stagehawks.org. If you have questions, please email us at bhstheaterboosters@gmail.com or contact our directors, Mr. Williamson or Miss Ayres, for more information.

Bye Bye Birdie! Show Program **Business Ads and Parent Ads Needed**

The Booster Club prints Playbill size show programs for the BHS main stage productions. We are in need of business ads to help offset the cost of printing.

If you have a business and would like to place an ad, please contact us at bhstheaterboosters@gmail.com. We have all of our advertising information on our Web site, including ad sizes and pricing. All ad copy, graphics, and payment must be received by January 10 in order to make our printing deadline. Business ads previously purchased for The Triangle Factory Fire Project show program will run again in the musical program in January.

Musical cast and crew members will be provided information on personal ads. Personal ads are a wonderful tradition in our theatre program. Parents, friends, and family can purchase space to congratulate their student on their participation in the production. Pictures, graphics, and text can be included. If you would like help putting your ad together, please let us know. You can send what you would like to say, along with any pictures, the size of your ad, and payment to BHS Theatre Booster Club in an envelope to the attention of Gena Foster or email her at genagf@yahoo.com or Lynn Matherly @ bhstheaterboosters@gmail.com. We can also help you create your ad.

BHS THEATRE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All you can eat pancakes and sausage—\$6.00 per person
Saturday December 5 and January 30, 8 AM—10 AM
Applebee's, 6645 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX

HUNGRY????



HOW ABOUT ALL THE PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE YOU CAN EAT?

BHS Theatre will host two pancake breakfast fundraisers at the Applebee's located at the intersection of Rufe Snow and NE Loop 820 in North Richland Hills. BHS Theatre students will serve your breakfasts each morning.

- 1. Saturday, December 5, 8 AM—10 AM and**
- 2. Saturday, January 30, 2010, 8 AM—10AM**

Tickets are \$6.00 per person/per event. Tickets will be sold November 2, in the lobby during the final night of The Triangle Factory Fire Project. Tickets will also be sold in the lobby during the musical for our January date. Students will also sell tickets for each date beginning mid-November. Email bhstheaterboosters@gmail.com or Julie Stewart at wowitsjulie512@yahoo.com to purchase tickets or for more information.

