



Birdville High School Stage Hawks

2009-2010

OFF TO A FANTASTIC START



WELCOME

To the first BHS Theatre Booster Club Newsletter for 2009-2010. Our newsletter is published as often as possible to keep you informed of information on productions, activities, volunteer opportunities, and important dates for both students and parents.

BHS Theatre ended 2008-2009 on a high note. BHS's musical production of *The Boyfriend* was nominated for seven Betty Buckley Awards. BHS took home two. Winning the 2009 Betty Buckley Award for BEST MUSICAL and Sam Spofford won a \$500 scholarship for Excellence in Scene Design. We look forward to the competition for this prestigious award again when we stage our musical production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie!* in January.

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.

The big news for 2009-2010 is the addition of a second teacher. Miss Lauren Ayres joins the theatre department and teaches Theatre I classes, in addition, she also teaches English IV. See the Directors page at www.stagehawks.org to see her wonderful bio.

Currently, our students are preparing for *The Triangle Factory Fire Project*, based on events surrounding the Triangle Waist Company fire which happened in New York City in 1911. Production dates are 10/29, 10/31, and 11/2 at 7:30pm in the BHS Auditorium. We have more on the production later in the newsletter.

The Booster Club has many volunteer needs and opportunities. We will talk more about these as well.

2009-2010 promises to be another terrific year for BHS Theatre!

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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

Show Dates and Times:

Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 31, at 7:30 PM

Monday, November 2, at 7:30 PM

PRICING:

\$5 for students (with ID)

\$8 for adults

No Reserved Seating. Tickets on sale week of the show during lunches or 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 21-24, 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 4PM each day and end time will depend on the number of students auditioning. Up to date information will be posted at www.stagehawks.org. Please check for updates beginning late October. Information will also be communicated at school.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

A\$50 fee will be required for all musical cast members. 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. You must attend this meeting with a parent.

The theatre student officers hosted “Movie Night” in July. It was a way to get to know other theatre students, enjoy an evening of movie entertainment, pizza, and fun. Theatre II students had a pizza party in August. Theatre student officers also hosted a Back-to-School party for all theatre students on August 18.

Prior to the start of school, theatre students participated in a workshop directed by two of our BHS Theatre program alumni. Theatre students also participated in BISD Convocation.

School started with a bang: auditions for the fall show the second week of school; our Third Annual Coffee Shop on September 10, and the start of fall show rehearsals.

BHS’s Homecoming Carnival and Parade were on Monday, September 28. At the carnival, Stage Hawks painted faces and the Booster Club sold cookies. BHS Stage Hawks float was judges BEST FLOAT in the parade!

Our Theatre I & II students had a very successful car wash fundraiser at Chick-fil-A off of Hwy 26 in Hurst on Saturday, October 3. Thank you to Chick-fil-A for its continued support of BHS Theatre.

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

Coffee Shop

Everyone was so excited and eager about the 3rd Annual Coffee Shop! The audience was practically electric when the show started and the energy level was in excess of 1,000 volts at the end! If you attached jumper cables you could have powered the lights for a week! Congratulations to all who performed during our 3rd Annual BHS Theatre Coffee Shop. The amount of hard work put into each and every one of these performances was amazing. Our “Techies”, or technical crew, had a challenging night because of issues beyond their control. However, they pulled it off with flying colors! Yes! Way to go, Techies!

We loved all of the songs, skits, instrumental performances, monologues, and other scene work. The audience was engaged and that made the show an even better experience. Again, excellent job! It was an amazing show and we look forward to more awesome BHS Theatre!



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.

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.

The Triangle Factory Fire Project 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 production.

If you have a business and would like to place an ad, please contact us at bhstheatreboosters@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 October 16 in order to make our printing deadline. Business ads also run in musical program in January.

Cast and crew members were 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. We can help put together an ad for you.

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.