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SENIOR SEND-OFF

by Roar Staff

Dear Class of 2021,

This year has been filled with an abundance of trials and tribulations, but despite it all you have finally made it to the finish line. Do not dwell on what was lost this year, as the bright futures which await you will surely outshine all that high school has to offer. You have endured the stress of finals and adapted to the changes that we've all had to make throughout the course of the past year and soon, your friends and family will be watching as you accept the diploma for which you have worked so hard on the joyous, momentous occasion of your graduation. Congratulations Seniors and Good Luck in all of your Future Endeavors!

Love,
The SHS Roar Staff

*In the hearts of all our students,
Burns a pride so true,
Glow in loyal admiration -
Spalding High, for you,
Friends we love here
We will treasure
Jaguar spirit reigns
Hail to you our Alma Mater,
Our love will remain,
Hail to you our Alma Mater,
Now our journey starts,
You have built a strong foundation,
Deep within our hearts.
Blue and Silver -
We remember
As the years go by.
Hail to you our Alma Mater!
Hail to Spalding High!*

**ONLY A FEW YEARBOOKS
LEFT! PLEASE PAY IN THE
MAIN OFFICE! THE PRICE IS
\$70!**

MEET

by Erin Merritt

As the year comes to a close, something that has kept the fine arts department motivated was our very own spring show. Titled “Meet,” the show followed two characters by the names of Rachel and Jeff who despised each other in the beginning, but eventually found they had romantic feelings for one another through a series of unlikely events. The performance showcased colorful costumes adorning a multitude of characters and spectacular dance numbers. Everyone, from the virtual students to the ones on stage, made this possible. When asked what aspects of the show required her to step out of her comfort zone, Alexis McGill replied, “Recording myself singing was slightly nerve wracking. I knew in the back of my mind that people would see whatever I filmed, so I did multiple takes of my part to get it perfect. I nitpick on the little things, so it was a constant cycle of singing and recording. I just wanted the audience to enjoy the show.” Meet was a high energy success that left all students of Spalding High’s Chorus feeling accomplished. It was the perfect way to bring this year to a close, and was a lovely farewell gift to Mr. Duncan. In all, everyone was left proud of not only themselves, but their peers as well.

INTO THE WOODS JR.

by Audrey Hare

Last week, the Spalding High School Theatre Program performed their spring musical, Into The Woods Jr. The turnout was great, and despite the obstacles that were thrown at the cast, they overcame all and pulled off four successful productions at First United Methodist Church.

Since the students had to adapt to COVID protocols, some of the norms in the production process were changed. Some of these changes included shortening the length of the show, virtual auditions, and having to adapt to other challenging situations. When asked “What surprised you the most about the process of this production?”, Student Director and Senior Will Samples replied, “Quite a few things surprised me during the process of this production. The first surprise was definitely changing from a full show to a jr. version of the show. I had to adjust all original ideas to fit the new idea of the script. The second surprise was during auditions, we had a lot of talented individuals audition and it changed our intentions for the show greatly. We were really excited for the show. The final thing, and the most surprising, was the amount of time that I dedicated to this show. Clark and I began meeting in June of 2020 to work on the show and it didn’t come to life fully until almost a year later. Auditions were 6 months later. I spent 6 months trying to perfect our views of the show, so the actors could understand what our intentions were.”

With every production, there are bound to be new concepts, ideas, and even traditions that are created throughout the process. Something that is done before every show is “show circle,” which is where cast and crew alike come together and form a group circle. The director may talk a bit about things the actors need to improve on, or just simply remind them to have fun when performing. Everyone may also take part in warmups or short games to calm nerves. When asked about any new traditions that might’ve been formed during show circle, Nick Clark, the Theatre Director, explained “One of the biggest traditions that we’ve added in was the gypsy robe, otherwise known as our legacy robe. It is awarded to an ensemble member that has shown hard work and dedication, and has grown as an actor. They get to wear the robe at the show circle and run around the inside of the circle three times, while everyone touches it to bring good luck to our production.”

The ensemble member that was awarded the robe was Breyer Chunn, 9, who played the role of the Mysterious Man. When asked “How did you feel/react when it was announced that the gypsy robe was awarded to you?”, he said, “I was surprised because I was expecting it to go to one of the upperclassmen who have worked harder and longer than me, but I’m also grateful because I love theatre already and I’m glad that Clark saw potential in me.”

At the end of every production, there’s a moment everyone dreads - closing night. This is because closing night can be very emotional for everyone - especially the seniors. “I will miss all of the friendships I’ve made these past four years, but I know I will be back soon to see everyone!” Sally Waits, 12, said as she reminisced on her experiences. Ashton Evans, 12, also said, “I will miss connecting with the cast and friends in the show.”

“I love you not only for who you are, but for who I am when I am with you,” - Janet Prothro. This statement, which is said before every show, has never been truer than now. While the pandemic was wreaking havoc everywhere around them, this cast stuck together and turned a bad thing into a good thing - they got through the hardships with the lifelong friendships and bonds they have created. Not to mention, doing what they love on the stage.



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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

THIS SUMMER

by Ni'Terriyae Davis

We were all quite surprised with the events of last year, but our second summer in quarantine is expected and potentially dreaded for many. As time passes, it gets increasingly difficult to think of ways to spend this extensive break, especially considering the limitations placed by social distancing guidelines and quarantine. Despite those, there's still plenty of ways to enjoy this time off - if things are starting to feel too boring and repetitive, check out our top ten list of things to do this summer.

- Go to the beach.

It's everyone's first choice, of course; when you think 'Summer Break,' you immediately think of the beach. It's true that it can get a little boring, but I think we all deserve to reconsider a beach vacation this year considering the way our plans last summer had to be unexpectedly altered. Besides, a breath of fresh air is sorely needed - in more ways than one.

- Find something new to binge watch.

Two months of neverending breaks can get quite monotonous when you don't have something to spice it up, and what better way to combat that than to immerse yourself into the world of another? Whether you're binging the entire collection of the Marvel Cinematic Universe in order, reminiscing with Disney Channel Original Movies, or simply starting a new tv show on Netflix's trending page, you're sure to find something to pass the time.

- Have a game night with your friends.

Yet another option on the list that can be done either in person or over the phone, enjoying a game night with your friends is truly limitless. You can play video games across countless different platforms or simply try a card game such as "We're Not Really Strangers" if you really wanna get deep. Trust me, if you're up for the challenge, this thought-provoking game will leave all cards on the table (quite literally).

- Go stargazing.

Done from the comfort of your backyard or front porch, stargazing can be incredibly therapeutic. You may find it boring to simply stare up at the same sky that has remained above you for your entire life, but try looking at it from a different perspective. Consider looking into constellations and their origins, the myths behind their names - for someone who loves fantasy, I find researching these origins and myths incredibly fascinating.

- Have a picnic at the park.

This is a great way to get out of the house and get together with some friends without the added risk of going to a restaurant. Try bringing some cake and tall glasses, replicating the trend I'm sure you've seen all over TikTok. If you go out late enough, you could even watch the sunset while enjoying your food! Call it dinner and a show.

- Go on a road trip.

It's much more fun to do so with your friends, so try taking a road trip to a different place. Research free or cheap activities to do at your destination - trust me, if you plan accordingly, you can get a fun, month long vacation without losing a wink of sleep over cost. A simple Google search of, "Fun free/cheap things to do in [insert location]" brings up a variety of inexpensive activities. Make the most of it!

- Have a movie night.

One of the safest and arguably most fun options on this list can be done without leaving the comfort of your home, especially considering features offered by Disney+, such as GroupWatch, and extensions such as Teleparty, formerly known as Netflix Party. A simple shared link allows you to have a virtual movie night with all your friends, and if that's not your style, you can look forward to the reopening of movie theaters that's sure to come very soon!

- Try something new.

Lay in bed, watch Netflix, eat, sleep, repeat. It's easy to fall into the habit of easily sought mental stimulation; after all, you don't have to put much effort into picking a tv show and watching it. It gets quite monotonous, however, and you're missing out on so many amazing opportunities to enjoy yourself and make memories you'll treasure forever. Pick up a new hobby, try a new sport, or pick up something you used to love as a kid. The possibilities are endless, and you'll look back on these fond memories as the years pass.

- Have an annotated book exchange.

Maybe you're thinking 'Seriously? Of all the things I could voluntarily do this summer, you think I'm gonna pick up a book' Well - yeah, actually, that's exactly what I think you should do. Okay, so maybe it sounds cheesy, but think about it: we all interpret things in different ways, it's just how our brains are wired, and no two people are exactly alike. It's so interesting to see exactly how these differences play out, and you can do exactly that by picking a friend and a book, reading and annotating it separately and exchanging books once you've finished. Maybe they picked up on something you didn't, maybe they highlighted something that reminded them of you. Whatever it may be, you'll find you see things in a different light, and you'll be able to look back on this fond memory whenever you want: all it takes is turning a page.

- Unplug.

And last but not least, unplug. Seriously. You don't have to turn your phone off completely, but try logging out of all your social media accounts. As fun as they are, apps like TikTok are significantly decreasing our attention spans and affecting the way we act in the real world. You don't have to stop using them completely, but taking some time away - whether it's simply 24 hours or an entire week - is like lifting a weight off your shoulders. Those who need to contact you should have a way, and if you worry about missing out on the lives of others, who cares? Go see your friends, catch up with your family, just discover something productive to do with this newfound freedom and if you're really feeling up to the challenge, try 24 hours without the Internet. Trust me, you'll find you have a lot more time on your hands.



CLOSING REMARKS

by Emma Kate Robinson

This year's baseball team was very excited for this season because of the cancellation of last year's season due to COVID-19. During the pre season, they worked hard to prepare for this year to try and accomplish all the same goals from prior seasons and carry on the legacy created by previous alumni. One of the biggest things they accomplished this year was beating the number one team in their region, Perry High School. On April 19th, they beat them 4-1 at home to extend their season to play Bainbridge in the first round of playoffs. Even though the first round of playoffs didn't go their way, they still celebrated a special season that will forever stay in their memories. We wish luck to all the seniors on the team in their future endeavors and look forward to next year's baseball season!



EVER WONDERED WHICH STUDENT AT SPALDING HIGH IS GABBY? HAVE YOU GUESSED CORRECTLY? WELL, GRAB THE NEAREST YEARBOOK AND FLIP TO PAGE 191. THE ANSWER LIES WITHIN THE LINES!

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR GABBY?

If so, email dara.caldwell@gscs.org your question to be forwarded to Gabby's Advice Column

DEAR GABBY ADVICE COLUMN

Dear Gabby,

Why are the school walls so bland? I'm tired of walking through these sad hallways with little to no artwork.

Sincerely,
Aspiring Artist

Dear Aspiring Artist,

Maybe ask the person in charge around here why you have to look at these boring and bland hallways. I recommend reaching out to the principal and trying to make some changes to give the school some spirit!

Lots of Love,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

Should I buy a yearbook? What if I don't feel like spending \$70 on a book?

Sincerely,
Mr. Cheapskate

Dear Mr. Cheapskate,

Maybe if you didn't wait until the last minute to consider purchasing a yearbook, it wouldn't be an issue! But all jokes aside, from someone who got a first look in the book, it's definitely worth the money.

Lots of Love,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

Did you hear about Mrs. Caldwell's baby? She's the cutest baby I've ever seen!

Sincerely,
Dying from Baby Fever

Dear Dying from Baby Fever,

Of course I've seen her! As her number one partner in life, I was obviously the first one to see her. I can't help that you're jealous of the fact that you can't see that cute little bundle of joy! Sweeping past the nurses and visitors, I, Gabby, was the first person to see that baby!

Lots of Love,
Gabby