

The DSA Performer

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to provide the highest quality education through academics and the arts.

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The ad sales deadline has been extended to **Thursday, Nov. 2.**



CONGRATULATIONS

The PTSA is pleased to announce that DSA senior Theshay Westbrook is the first student awarded a Student Arts Project grant of \$250. Theshay will use the money to help produce a short film and enter it in film festivals around the country. The PTSA budgeted \$2500 for the grants and invited students to apply for grant money to assist in independent creative projects.

TOUR SHOW PREMIER

was October 6,7,8, 2006
 Dance Repertory Company (DRC) performed 11 numbers. DSA students performers included: Amber Jackson, Chrystal Miller, Komuni Morgan, Jamal Jackson, Angelique Lestagez, Nyeepha Carroway, Anna Bracewell, Terrace Colvin, Bryanna Brown, Jasmine Gray, Shonica Gooden, Kelly Blythe, Eddie Corley, Ariel Hart, Edidiong Emah, Shalay Johnson and Terrance Martin. Mr. Dean Williams was the director and Vinnie Cross was the stage manager. The Winter Dance Concert is January 19-21, 2007.

Drama Ensemble participants included Kyle Lacy (composed music), Shannon Gaddy (assistant director), Ms. Anne Dunn (choreography) and well as the cast: Myles Greer, Makeba Frazier, Jasmine Vereen, Shakiera Adams, Michael McCalla, Casey Cudmore, Jessica Cardwell, Stefond Johnson, Al Heartley, and Jasmine Bond. The Winter Drama will be "Reckless", performed December 7-10, 2006. Black History Tour will perform "...and a man slept" on February 2-3, 2007.

Highleit performed 10 numbers, many including medleys. The DSA participants included Ian Mastrogiacommo, Chauntae Pink, Kyle Lacy, Artheria Harden, Marlon Allen, Roi Johnson, Reginald Smith Jr., Michelle Murphy, Jasmine Pratt, Brittan Bohn, Shawna Klein, Emma Goidel, Hana Davis, Rachel Alexander, Jasmine Sawyeer, Ashley Thai Wilson, Desi Raines. Mr. Jeffrey Funderburk was the director.

The Music Ensemble performed an array of music. Pro Arte performed 2 numbers under the direction of Ms Patricia Grey. Participants include Elisheva Aneke, Nia Bayne, De'Leshea Blissett, Christina Conaway, Jazmin Crumley, Hanan Davis, Brittany Dugan, Loreal Hairston, Imari Hardin, Ricklie Hurt, Carlisa Johnson, Justina Johnson, Jerusha Lane, Sophia Martin, Kaitlyn McAlarney, Elicia McCray, Oanh Nguyen, Brittni Pickett, Chauntae Pink, Jasmine Pratt, Alexis Roe, Arianna Soloway, Sierra Swann, Kimberly Waldon, and Meagan White.

Seven additional musical ensembles were performed by Kimberly Wren, Jasmine Hwa, Rachel Alexander, Earnest Hall, Luke Leavitt, Ian Mastrogiacommo, Thalea Davis, Omalara Williams, Michele Murphy, Reginald Smith, Jr., Candice Lawrence, Corey Golden, Nicky Golden, Me'sha Golden and Yeroc Golden under the direction of Dr. Michael Bell. Charlotte Williams on piano accompanied many of the ensembles. Cheryl Klug was the stage manager. The Music Department (including vocal and musicians) will perform Schubert's Mass in G on November 9, 2006. The spring musical will be The Mikado, performed March 22-25 and 29-31, 2007.

PTSA Meeting

November 2

7:00pm

Principal

It has been an exciting first 11 weeks of school. Five tour shows have premiered, several standardized tests have been administered, our first formal dance successfully orchestrated, guests artists/lecturers/performers (from literally around the world!) and first round of progress reports have been issued. We want to thank all the students and staff (both on-stage and behind the scenes) for their tremendous work with the tour shows and other events. Please help us spread the good word about our school and student performance opportunities with booking the tour shows!

To all the parents who have provided assistance so far – a big THANK YOU! With any project, parental support is a major key to the success. For those families who have not yet found a way to volunteer, let us know your specialized interests, and we will find a way for you to participate.

DeKalb School of the Arts was awarded for the second year in a row the *Gold Award* from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. This award is in recognition of the number of students who meet and exceed standards on the required Georgia standardized testing. \$1000 was awarded to the school which will go towards continued enhancement of our testing preparation program. Thanks to all the teachers and students for the wonderful achievement.

Parents, we REALLY need your assistance with timely pick-up of student's after-school and performances. Students involved in productions are given schedules of rehearsals, time, performance calls and release times. It is good practice for rides to be at school 15 minutes before the scheduled release time. Over the past couple of weekends, staff has stayed as long as 90 minutes after the end of a show or rehearsal waiting on students to be picked-up. Please communicate with your student when a show is in production to make sure YOU know what the release times are. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing all the families at the upcoming November 2 PTSA meeting and parent/conference night on November 16. A Happy Thanksgiving Wish to all the DSA Family!

Susan McCauley, Principal



Drama Ensemble:

“Love, Death and the Prom” is a series of vignettes by Jon Jory presents a montage of High School life, exploring the bitter-sweet memories of adolescence---the the fragility of first loves, first loss’ and life lessons that comprise every teenagers’ precarious path to adulthood as represented by that momentous benchmark between puberty and maturity and zenith of the hike through high school ---the prom. *“The prom was a fence and, after it, you could look back across but never fully be there anymore...no matter what had happened on your way there....”*

Whether one is currently undergoing the 4 year journey through High School, awaiting the experience with anticipation or recalling it from the distant past, audience members will relate to the resonating truths, some hilarious, some melancholy, in these stirring scenes about that dramatic time of youth. The play is approximately 45-50 minutes long, but can be cut down to the time demands of the booking organization. It is recommended for audiences from middle school and up.

Important school board meeting Monday, Nov. 6, at Lithonia High School, 2440 Phillips Road, Lithonia. DSA students and parents will be addressing the school board regarding the future of our facility. Please attend and wear your spirit wear!

COUNSELING NEWS

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Dekalb County school system announce the **AJC Dekalb Classroom**, a FREE journalism workshop for all county students who wish to learn more about newspapers and journalism. The workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at Druid Hills High School. Lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, email gstevens@ajc.com or call **404-479-8615**.

DANCE NEWS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Dance Repertory Company for a successful "Premier Weekend!" DRC would like to perform for you!! If your place of business or church or other group would like some fabulous entertainment, DRC can provide it. Contact Ms. Astrid Maurer our para-professional for information and pricing. Without taking a breath, the dance department held auditions for Dance Concert 2007 the week of October 9th with rehearsals starting the week of the 16th. This year's concert will again be performed at the Conant Theater on the campus of Olgethorpe University on January 19-21, 2007. Choreographers include faculty members Dean Williams, Anna Dunn and Marci Lefkoff and guest choreographers Dawn Axam, Toya Willingham and Birda Ringstad. The dance concert is always an exciting event, don't miss it.

New dance faculty member Anna Dunn continues her pointe classes every Wednesday 3:45-5:45. Those who are beginners, intermediate or advanced in pointe or those who just need an extra ballet class are welcome. This class will present "Nutcracker in a Nutshell" on December 12th, time to be announced. Parents are reminded to remind their students to always dress appropriately for class, check your dance syllabus for the dress code if you are not sure. Keep Dancing!! Dean Williams

THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT would like to thank Dr. David Rye for his presentations on October 10th. Dr. Rye is a leading neuroscientist and medical doctor who specializes in sleep disorders. He spoke with our AP Psychology students for over an hour on intriguing topics such as narcolepsy and restless leg syndrome. He also brought real human brain sections for the students to look at and hold! Not only is Dr. Rye a renowned scientist and doctor, through his research in Iceland, he has become an expert on Viking culture. DSA sophomores were treated to another wonderful presentation that morning by Dr. Rye on the Vikings and Iceland. Over 50 students attended his fascinating presentation in the media center. DSA's students gained quite a bit of information during his presentations and we wanted to enthusiastically thank him or his time
Beth Williams

"A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City"

On September 29th, the **AP PSYCHOLOGY CLASS OF DSA** visited a mock refugee camp set up in Piedmont Park by Doctors Without Borders (Medicines Sans Frontieres). Doctors Without Borders is a non-profit, non-governmental organization of medical and administrative volunteers who are dedicated to providing aid to some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Atlanta was one of three US cities chosen to 'bear witness' to the plight of over 33 million people around the world who have been uprooted by war. Our seniors were taken on a 45 minutes 'tour' of what their daily existence would be like if they were one of the millions worldwide living right now in a refugee camp. Various structures were set up to mirror how refugees might have shelter, water, medical care, and sanitary provisions. This field trip was important in that it increased our student's awareness of global conflicts and opened all our eyes and hearts to the millions of people suffering and those many good people who are committed to providing help.



Important Dates

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- 2 PTSA Board Meeting 6 pm
- PTSA General Meeting 7 pm
- 3 SPA Meeting 2:30 pm
- 4 One-Act Play Regionals
- Redovian Fundraiser
- 6 Beta Club Induction Breakfast 8:30 am
- 7 Election Day - NO School for Students
- 9 Progress Reports Issued
- Chorus Department Program 7 pm
- @ Peachtree Baptist Church
- 11 One-Act Play State Finals
- 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-6 pm
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

Copy for the DSA newsletter needs to be submitted by the 25th of the month to dr_barbara@bellsouth.net

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Next PTSA Meeting – 7:00 PM on Thursday, Nov 2, 2006