



Theater Presents *Front*

The theater department put on a fantastic performance of *Front* at the beginning of November.

Written by Jonathan Baumgartner & Emily Moody

We all know that the theater magnet puts on fantastic plays throughout the year. This fall, our talented students in the theater program put on a wonderful show in the play called, “*Front*.” *Front* is about the lives and experiences of those in London, during World War II. One of the main characters, Joan Justice, is a widowed war mother trying to make it during this devastating time. She was a strong woman, who kept her head up high and didn’t take anything from anyone. She was blunt and spoke her mind, but also had a delicate side to her, that she rarely shows.

Joan was played by lead actress Briana Creque. Briana relates to her character because she always defends her friends, and she has a lot of love for her family. The things that she enjoyed the most throughout this experience were doing the “cool accents” and the development of her character.

Briana is a senior here at Woodside High School, who thoroughly enjoys entertaining others. She enjoys acting so much, and plans on attending VCU next fall to expand her knowledge and skills. We know this for sure, Briana is a young star, who has a ton of potential.

If you got a chance to see *Front* and want to share your review, email a letter to the editor at steffanie.powell@nnschools.org

Any other comments, concern, or issues about Woodside High School are welcome as well.

Girls’ Sports

Written by Ryen Gordon & Nia Williamson

Ahmya Boyce, the point guard for the basketball team at Woodside, has been playing basketball since the 5th grade. However, the season hasn’t started yet, but she believes that the season will turn out great with lots of wins.

Ahmya plans to continue playing basketball after high school for the college she will attend. For any athletes new to the sport she advises for you to keep working and don’t give up even if you’re struggling, keep pushing and practicing you will become better. Last year’s season went

alright. The team had more wins than losses.

The team had a rough patch towards the end, they had a chance to go to regionals; unfortunately, one of the players missed a huge free throw to win the game which was devastating to not only the players, but for anyone who was supporting the team.

Jasmin Wright, the goalie for the women’s field hockey team plays at Woodside. She has been playing for two years, she says that the season has been

a little bit of a struggle in the beginning, but as it went on it got better.

Jasmin plans to continue playing after high school. Her advice to anyone that wants to play is to just come out and give it a try! Jasmin and her teammates were discouraged because they had the chance to go to regionals, but do to zoning they were not able to attend. Meaning, Woodside didn’t play enough 5A teams to attend.



Woodside Field Hockey raised \$275.50 for their service project fundraiser this year!



Feel free to comment on the newspaper to editor Steffanie Powell at steffanie.powell@mnschools.org

Boys' Sports

Written by Michael Watlington & Jordan Powell

Kahleef Jimerson, a senior football student athlete, who has been playing since he was eight says in order to play football you need to work harder than everyone and stay focused.

Quishawn Brevard, a Senior basketball student athlete, who has been playing basketball since the 5th grade says if you want to be a successful basketball player, you have to practice mainly on your shooting and dribbling.

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Kahleef's season has been going really well, this year they finished the regular season 9-1 and just won the first playoff game against Princess Anne. Kahleef is going to continue playing in college, he already has some D1 offers and is looking to receive more. He would be making a choice by the end of the school year.

Quishawn expects to make a state run this year. He believes that this year, they have the talent and the drive to make it to states. A state championship would be a great way to send out Quishawn along with a 1000-point ball. Quishawn is going to play at the next level in college. He already has multiple offers and plans on collecting more as the season goes on.



Magnet Student of the Quarter

Written by Steffanie Powell, Amani Hamiel, & Anessa Emile

Woodside has chosen Isabel Burton to be the Magnet Student of the Quarter. Isabel Burton is a 10th grader in the art magnet. She was recently featured as an artist with two artworks at the Port Warwick Art Festival's Emerging Artist Tent. She participated in the event for her love of art. She was amazed at how many people looked at her art. Many people were impressed that a high school student was presenting at this festival. The festival ended with Isabel selling her first art piece. She always wanted to be a professional artist. The art exhibit made her feel a bit closer to her goal. She also intends to create and sell more art in the future. She creates her artwork based off of triggered feelings that remind her of memories. She gave a few tips of advice for future artists: if you think your art is terrible, you're probably wrong, and you are your own worst critic. She recently created a piece that she hated while working on it, but it turned out well.



Woodside Theater and Creative Writing went to see *Midsummer Night's Dream* by the American Shakespeare Company and were surprised with seats onstage when they arrived.



A plan of reducing domestic terrorism in public schools with a deployable airborne defensive protocol...

In recent years, public schools have been trying to crack down on domestic terrorism. At Woodside, we have implemented a blue tape protocol, which has students stand behind a blue line of tape and pray to God almighty. However, what schools need is innovation for the protection of the student, teachers, and staff of the public school system, and I have the innovation we need. You see, we also need to get students interested in future career ideas.

Written by Erik
"Maybe it's satire, maybe he's just crazy"
Davis

So why not kill two birds with one stone or should I say one mass shooter with hundreds if not thousands of bees? So allow me to introduce you to Plan Bee. With the Plan Bee protocol each classroom will have a container of fifty bees. It will be a glass container so that way students will be able to examine and be educated on the life and the existence of bees.

Once gunshots are heard in the hallways the teacher, or designated student, will take the container of bees, open the door, and then throw the container of bees into the hallway. Thus filling the hallway full of with angry and confused bees who will in turn attack the shooter. When the shooter has been *apprehended in an ethical and moral manner* the police will launch smoke grenades into the school thus rendering the bees unconscious and allowing students, teachers, and staff members to leave in a peaceful manner.

Then a select group of students will be tasked with taking a broom and dustpan and sweeping the bees up and then putting them back into the container, preferably with a kiss goodnight. Overall, Plan Bee would be a groundbreaking way of keeping schools safe. Please help and try to get the Plan Bee in production at Woodside.





PTSA REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Woodside Reflections Contest winners move on to citywide contest in hopes of bringing the win home.

Written by Michael Sigler & Erik Davis

Each year the PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) hosts a competition called reflections, where each magnet student submits a piece inspired by a prompt. This year's prompt made students look inside themselves and see who they really are, within PTSA guidelines of course. The prompt extended to several forms of art that are celebrated at Woodside. Composer, Khari Gidney, was able to express this prompt with music. Stephanie Tobias expressed who they are with photography. Kaitlyn Mau used the visual arts.

Colin Martin used the art of film and Keyara Turner used the ancient art of dance. Today we sat down and had an interview with the literature winner Diamond Hicks, a sophomore, who won first place with her poem, "No Man's Land." She went in depth and talked about the duality she has in her personality. She found the poem to be a relief to write and a way to release frustration. She had a crippling fear that she wouldn't win, however she surprised herself and everyone around her by winning first place. She was assuming that she would only win an honorable mention. When asked if she has the confidence to go forward, she said no, but she has hope that she may continue.

Remember attendance matters! Come to school so you do not get behind in your classes. We also want our school to maintain accreditation!



The world language department celebrated perfect attendance with a cereal bar for their classes with the most consistent attendance.