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## Atholton High School Theatre activities 2019-2020

6/18/2019 edition \*revised dates since the last edition No Food, Drink, Candy, Gum or Backpacks in the auditorium

# She Kills Monsters: Young Adventurers Edition

by Qui Nguyen (performs Nov. 16-23)

High school cheerleader Agnes Evans deals with the death of her younger sister Tilly by exploring Tilly's *Dungeons & Dragons* notebook, catapulting her into a journey of self-discovery and action-packed adventure that was her sister's refuge. Acclaimed playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all in this high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and '90s pop-culture!

**Fall play auditions: Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 3 & 4, 2:15-4:00**

# Hairspray the Musical

Book by Thomas Meehan & Mark O'Donnell;

Music by Marc Shaiman; Lyrics by Marc Shaiman & Scott Wittman; Based on the New Line Cinema film, written and directed by John Waters (performs March 26-29)

Baltimore, Maryland in 1962, and quirky, plus-sized, teenage Tracy Turnblad wants to dance on *The Corny Collins Show*. Tony Award-winning *Hairspray* has a beautiful message of acceptance and progress, showing Tracy's dream developing into a quest to integrate TV, and by extension society. The catchy score includes "Good Morning Baltimore," "I Know Where I've Been," and "You Can't Stop the Beat." The bright, energetic story teaches us all to look past the color of one's skin and fight for every human being's equal rights.

**Spring Musical auditions: Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 2-5 by appointment**

Th., Aug. 29	9:00 AM	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
Tues., Sept. 3	2:15-4:00	Fall Play Auditions
Wed., Sept. 4	2:15-4:00	Fall Play Auditions
Thurs., Sept. 5	2:15-4:00	Fall Play call-backs (Cast list online by Sun., 9/8/19, 4 PM or sooner)
	7:00 PM	AHS Back To School Night
Mon., Sept. 9	2:30-3:00	Fall Play 1 <sup>st</sup> TECH meeting
	3:00-4:30	Improv auditions (AHI Tuna) <i>No experience required</i>
Tu., Sept. 10	6:30-9:30	Drama Boosters General Meeting (Media Center) & Fall Play read thru (auditorium) <b>REQUIRED meeting for cast &amp; parents of cast members; tech &amp; parents encouraged to attend</b>
W, Oct. 2	7:00	Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144
Tu., Oct. 8	2:20-3:00	Spring Musical Audition Workshop
Sat., Oct. 12	11:00 AM	Homecoming Parade, Football game 1:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 3	1:00-3:30 PM	Performing & Visual Arts College Fair @ Duke Ellington School of the Arts, 3500 R St NW, Washington, DC 20007 Register: <a href="https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/washington-dc/">https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/washington-dc/</a>
Tu, Nov. 5	7:00	Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144
<b>Sat., Nov. 16</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Fall Play <b>performance</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	Fall Play <b>performance</b>
<b>Thurs., Nov. 21</b>	<b>10:14 AM</b>	Fall play <b>in school performance</b>
<b>Fri.-Sat., Nov. 22-23</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Fall Play <b>performances</b>

Mon., Tues., Wed., Dec. 2-5 2:30-9:00 *Spring Musical* auditions  
 Su., Dec. 8 1:30-2:30 Individual Post-Audition Feedback (by appointment)  
 2:30-5:30 Drama Boosters General Meeting & *Spring Musical* read thru:  
*REQUIRED meeting for parents of musical cast members; orchestra, tech & their parents encouraged to attend*  
 M., Dec. 9 2:30-3:00 *Spring Musical* TECH meeting  
 Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 11-12 7:00 PM AHS Band, Orchestra Concerts  
 Tues., Dec. 17 7:00 PM AHS Choir Concert  
 Wed., Dec. 18 7:00 PM **Wednesday Night Live! AHI Tuna Improv Performance**  
*Sat., Dec. 21-Wed., Jan. 1: winter break*

Tu, Jan. 7 7:00 PM Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144  
**Th, Jan. 9** 8:00-3:00 PM HCPSS Theatre Festival @ HCC  
**Fri., Jan. 10** 7:00 AM-11:00 PM Maryland Thespian Festival (Towson University)  
**7:00 PM AHS Dance Concert**  
**Sat., Jan. 11** **3:00 PM & 7:00 PM AHS Dance Concerts**  
 7:00 AM-8:00 PM Maryland Thespian Festival (Towson University)  
 M, Jan. 13 8:00-3:00 PM HCPSS Theatre Festival @ HCC (SNOW DATE)  
 F, Jan. 17 7:00 PM ACI (All County Improv) @ HCC

Tu, Feb. 4 7:00 PM Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144  
 Wed, Feb. 12 2:30 PM deadline for ONO Director's applications, including script  
*Mon., Feb. 17 President's Day, NO SCHOOL*

Tu, Mar. 3 7:00 PM Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144  
 Wed., Mar. 25 **11:30 AM** Spring Musical **preview for elementary & middle schools**  
 Th.-Sat., Mar 26-28 **7:00 PM** Spring Musical **performances**  
 Sun., Mar. 29 **2:00 PM** Spring Musical **matinee**  
 Mon., Mar. 30 2-5 PM Spring musical take down

*Sat., April 4-Mon., April 13: SPRING BREAK*

Tu, April 14 7:00 PM Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144  
**Su., April 26 Drama Boosters NYC Trip**

Wed.-Thurs., May. 1-2 7:00 PM AHS Band, Orchestra Concerts  
 Sat., May 4 AHS Prom  
**Fri. @ 7 & Sat. @ 3 & 7, May 8-9 AHS Dance Concerts**  
 W., May 13 6:30 PM **Drama Banquet (cafeteria)**  
 7:30 PM **Annual ADB general meeting & department awards (auditorium)**  
**Sat., May 16 7:00 PM One Night Only! Student-Directed Performance**

Tu, June 2 7:00 PM Drama Boosters Meeting in C-144  
 Mon., June 15 Last day of school (or as late as June 22)

Approximate dates:  
 Folger Shakespeare Library High School Festival

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT MUSICALS:** Some of you sing well (or very well). Some do not sing well *yet*. Most leading roles in musicals (and some supporting roles) require solo singing. More than 95% of people improve their singing with instruction and practice. There are many fine voice teachers in the area. Start now! Check our website for some of your classmates' teachers. Ambitious people will work on their voices *now*. Some people will have the leading roles, folks... will it be you? Find a choir and join it. Dancing also improves with practice. There's a lot of that in musicals as well.

**Websites:** The internet has *a lot* on theatre: how and where, who, etc.!!! Use it!!

*We're Thespian Troupe # 1739. For information on the International Thespian Society (ITS), theatre training options, acting tips, tech theatre ideas, and Thespian gear, go to <http://www.edta.org/default.asp>*

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