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Synopsis

Once Upon a High School by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus is a comedy about what might happen if some of our favorite fairy-tale characters magically arrived in a present-day high school. The definitions of fantasy and reality are challenged and questioned, as the audience and some of the characters are granted a glimpse into the daily routines of two different worlds. When the status-quo is contested because of the intruders, the fairy-tale characters and the high school students must redefine their own realities.

The Woodsman and Danica (and the characters in both universes) lose their negative perceptions of life when they gain hope in their capacity to create futures filled with wonder and magic. All of the characters recognize that they can indeed be the heroes of their own stories. There are no *incidentals*!

Scenes

Act 1

Scene 1: Classroom in fairytale land, once upon a time

Scene 2: After school that day in the classroom

Scene 3: High school hallway near janitor's closet in reality, one Friday morning

Scene 4: Fairytale classroom, after school that day

Scene 5: High school hallway, still that Friday

Scene 6: Fairytale classroom, a couple days later in fairytale time

Scene 7: High school hallway, still Friday

Act 2

Scene 1: High school hallway, immediately following

Scene 2: High school principal's office, immediately following

Scene 3: Fairytale classroom, another new day

Scene 4: High school detention office, still Friday afternoon

Scene 5: High school hallway, the same

Scene 6: Fairytale classroom, later that day

Scene 7: High school hallway near janitor's closet, later Friday

Scene 8: High school dance, Friday night

Scene 9: Hallway with janitor's closet, then split stage with fairytale and reality

Notes

When I first read this play, *Once Upon a High School* by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, I was entranced. The Woodsman needs to be a hero and Danica needs to believe in magic. Along the way, these two characters are transformed, and they manage to alter the lives of the real world and fairy-tale characters they encounter. After my initial reading, I reflected upon the themes presented in this play. Realizing that life is truly about transformations, beliefs, recognizing possibilities, and the ripple effect we have on others, I knew this was the drama production choice for this particular year. We hope you are entranced as well.

To the cast and crew: This is an amazing group of young people, and I am in awe and filled with gratitude as I watch you all at work. I am certain that some of you will be famous actors in the future. Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your lives this year.

This year's production could never be what it is today without our incredible student director, Joe Coppola. Seeing Joe at work is impossible to describe. He takes a blank stage and introduces the finest version of professionalism in the actors on that stage. Thank you so much, Joe, for saying "YES" to me.

A most humble form of gratitude is necessary for our indomitable stage manager, Kym Busatti. From the first day until the last day, Kym has been here making sure that this year's production will be our finest.

Wendy French and Erika Thomas have also been important and essential to this year's production. As our student producers for the fourth year in a row, they have mastered the art of getting tasks accomplished. They have worked tirelessly on the sidelines making sure that we all have shirts and bios and the other small but important backstage items involved in creating a successful drama production.

Each and every member of this drama club needs to be commended, from the actors, student director, producers, stage and house crews to the lighting booth. It takes a village to raise a production. Every single student continuously asked me what I needed done. Thank you from the bottom and top of my heart.

Love and hugs to all, and much gratitude to my friends, Julia Bacal our Production Manager, and Tony DiFabbio, our drama coach. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

With love,
Mrs. Lieto, Director

So right now I'm sitting in Mrs. Ferraro's room, and I absolutely must complete this director's note before Wendy kills me. I've been putting this off for weeks, because I knew that it would be too emotional and insanely difficult. In fact, even now I'm constantly allowing myself to get distracted by my fellow castmates around me in an attempt to give myself a few extra seconds before I must accept the fact that my senior show is all too soon coming to an end.

I don't even know where to start. When Mrs. Lieto approached me at the end of last year, I wasn't sure how I felt about my new responsibilities as director. Actually, all I was really thinking about how angry I was with Mrs. Walker for having a stupid baby and ruining my senior year, not to mention the fact that I was going to miss her terribly. But as it all sunk in and the ideas started flowing about how to stage this and who might be good in which role, I quickly became overly excited about the production.

And I have not been disappointed. I am honored to have been offered the opportunity to work with such an insanely talented cast, as well as a production team that is literally better than I could ever ask for. Even though all of my free time, from learning lines after school to helping build the set during my free periods, has been devoted to this club, I can't think of any other way I would rather have spent my senior fall. I could easily rant for pages about how much I love this club, and how upset I am that I have to leave it. However, I am confident it will be in good hands next year, and Mrs. Walker will return to a club that is more mature, experienced, and talented than any she's seen before.

The list of people I'd like to thank is too long to list everyone individually, but a huge thank you goes to Kym, our stage manager; Mrs. Lieto, Mr. DiFabbio (back from retirement just for us!) and Mrs. Bacal, our faculty advisors and insanely helpful co-directors; Matt Fable, our head of set design; Laurel Meyer and Jonny Martinez, our heads of house-crew; Lulu Von Elm and Paige Vegliante, our costume designers; Sydney Weisler, our props mistress; Dom Belmont, Pat Landor, and Pete Perri, our stage crew heads; Ricky Hvisch, my vice-president; Wendy French and Erika Thomas, our producers; and the amazing cast and crew that I've had the privilege to direct for these months.

Lastly, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Juliann Walker for having a baby, and in doing so making my senior year the greatest experience I could ever ask for.

Break a leg, everybody!

~Joe Coppola, Director

I want to thank the parents, guardians and families of all of these wonderful and talented students. Working with your children has truly been an honor. They are such passionate, creative, hardworking and dedicated young men and women, and it has been my joy and privilege to watch them grow as actors from the first read-through to the final performances. Many thanks to all of those behind the scenes, without whom we could not function—the house crew and the stage crew, costume and prop assistants, Kym Busatti for her awesomeness, Matt Fable and his crew for the set design, Bob Geronimo for the lighting, and Joe Coppola for his directorial skill. A special thank you to Carol Lieto for her intrepid efforts and for letting me be a part of this amazing production. And last, but not least, I must thank my own family, Jay and Daniel, for their love and support. “It takes a village.”

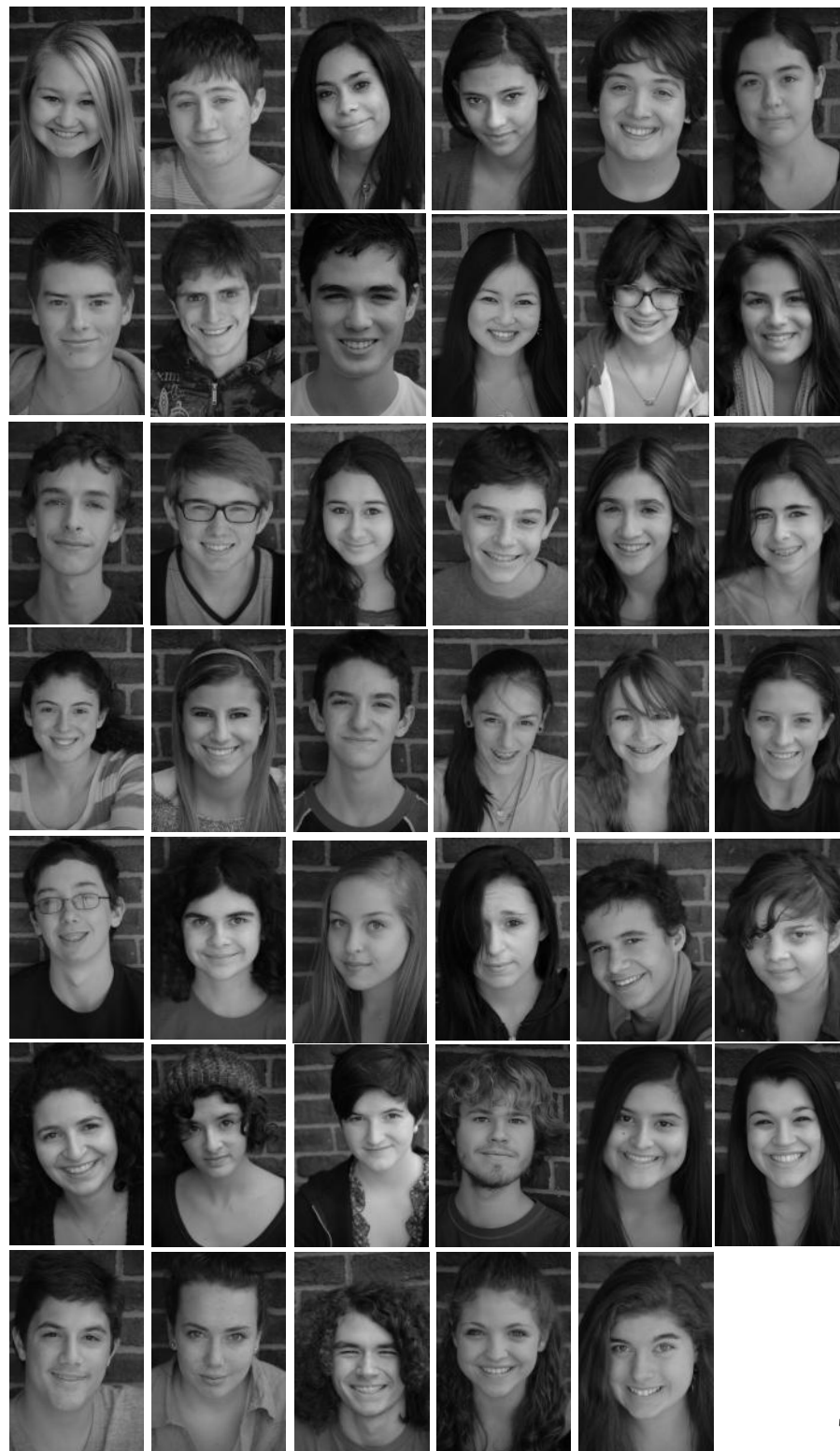
~ Julia Bacal, production manager

I am so proud to be involved with such a talented group of people. From the cast to the crew, it's an honor to work with everyone. The cast was probably the most talented group of kids I have seen in my four years of drama club. The crew was such a help and, without them, this amazing production wouldn't have been possible. Our student director/lead, Joe, surprised everyone by being able to handle such an important role as well as helping direct. Joe is an amazing actor as well as an amazing leader; he proved how talented he is by playing the lead and directing (with the help of Mr. DiFabbio!!). Without Mrs. Lieto and Mrs. Bacal, this show wouldn't have even happened. They are amazing in the work they do and deserve a big congrats for putting on this show. I am honored to be stage manager and to help put on *Once Upon a High School*! Congratulations to the cast and crew! We did it!!

~ Kym Busatti, stage manager

Drama club has been such an essential part of our high school experience and to see it end is unfathomable. Joe clearly has the same mindset as us—from the moment we performed in M*A*S*H as the only freshmen to procrastinating on our program notes. We're so proud to be a part of every single production and we've had the utmost pleasure working with so many talented actors. There are so many people to thank that we couldn't possibly list them all, but we would like to personally thank Mrs. Lieto, Ms. Walker, Mrs. Bacal, Mr. DiFabbio, Nathan, Joe Coppola, and Kym Busatti. We will confidently pass our producer titles onto two very promising freshmen where drama club will continue to be what it was to us, a place to bring a story to life, but first and foremost, a second family.

~ Wendy French & Erika Thomas, producers



Fairytale Cast

Woodsman (<i>Fri. & Sun. performances</i>).....	JOE COPPOLA
Woodsman (<i>Sat performance</i>).....	BRANDON DI TIERI
Cinderella.....	GILLIAN NORBUTT
Magda.....	DANA SAAD
Petra.....	MADELAINE WILLIAMS
Rosamond.....	BREANA ADELMAN
Prince Charming.....	SAM DENLER
Little Red.....	ERIKA THOMAS
Goldilocks.....	SCARLETT NEGGERS
Snow White.....	MEGAN LEVY
Hansel.....	DANIEL KUSHNER
Gretel.....	KIM GIANCASPRO
Rumpelstiltskin.....	NADINE SANTORO
Rapunzel.....	JEANETTE CROEN
Wicked Witch.....	MARGOT NOHE
Shoemaker's Elf.....	PETER BELMONT
Jill.....	DALIA LAREDO
Gable.....	RICKY HVISCH
Mirror.....	BRIAN NEGGIE
Pinnochio.....	JOHN MCDERMOTT
Little Bo Peep.....	ARIANA THOMAS

Reality Cast

Danica.....	GEORGIA SCHUNK
Gloria.....	WENDY FRENCH
Sadie.....	JESSICA COOPER
Mercy.....	NOELLE ODELL
Clemency.....	ANA CABRERA
Bull.....	WILL WALSH
Hap.....	SPENSER DETTWYLER
Slim.....	MATTEO VELARDO
Irving.....	TRISTAN PARILLO
Tag.....	REBECCA RODRIGUEZ
Spatter.....	RACHEL KURTZ
Randy.....	KATY GAZZINI
Melvin.....	JEFF GOLDBERG
Shirley.....	NICOLE MARATTO
Opal.....	HAYLEY WAGNER
Terry.....	TARA LOCKWOOD
TJ.....	EMMA WILSON
Principal Lewis.....	DAVID SPARKS
Kristi.....	CARLEIGH MEYER
Student.....	MARY MURPHY

Cast Bios

Breana Adelman (Rosamond) feels so incredibly excited and bittersweet to be a part of *Once Upon a High School*, her final drama production at Somers High School. Breana has performed in several other productions, including *High School Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof Jr*, *Anything Goes*, *West Side Story*, *Aladdin Jr*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Canterbury Tales*, *North Woods Nonsense*, and *Once Upon A Mattress*. Breana has grown so much from her experiences in drama club and is going to miss each and every one of the cast and crew so much. She would very much like to thank everyone in the huge drama family who has worked endlessly the past few months to make this show ridiculously amazing. She loves you all!

Peter Belmont (Shoemaker's elf) is a sophomore at Somers High School and is excited to be a part of this year's play. He has been in shows in the past, which include *Hairspray!* (Spritzer), *Once Upon A Mattress* (ensemble), *North Woods Nonsense* (Guest #1), *Seussical Jr* (Vlad Vladikoff/Who Dad), and *Into the Woods Jr* (Steward/Cinderella's Father). He's so glad to have this opportunity and is hoping everybody enjoys it.

Ana Cabrera (Clemency) is totally psyched to be in this year's production of *Once Upon a High School*. She loves dancing, singing, acting, and being on stage with her friends/2nd family, the drama club. She has performed in *Northwoods Nonsense* (Alice Hodgepodge, guest); *Once Upon a Mattress* (ensemble), last year's musical; and *The Canterbury Tales* (Sloth, one of the 7 deadly sins) during her freshman year. She thanks her friends and family for supporting her, the crew/producers and Mrs. Lieto for putting the show together, and a big thanks to her senior director, Joe Coppola, for making every moment fun and worth it. She hopes the audience enjoys the show and wishes her cast members good luck and to bring the house down tonight.

Jessica Cooper (Sadie) is very excited about this year's production of *Once Upon a High School* for her third year in drama club. She would like to thank her parents, the very talented cast and crew, and her wonderful directors. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Joe Coppola (Woodsman, Friday & Sunday) is utterly dismayed to admit that he is, in fact, a senior and will not be back next year (in case you didn't get it from the Director's Note). However, this year was absolutely amazing, and he would like to thank Mrs. Lieto, Mrs. Bacal, Wendy (for not killing him for submitting his bio late), Erika, Laurel, Jonny, and the rest of the production team, cast, and crew for making his final show the best it could be. He would also like to offer a special thanks to Kym for being the best Stage Manager, partner, and friend that any director could ever ask for as well as his mother for not killing him at any point during this process. He is sorry to leave the Somers High School stage, but he is confident that it is in good hands. Break a leg, everybody!

Jeanette Croen (Rapunzel) is a freshman and is so excited to be in her first high school performance. She couldn't believe her long hair finally had some use. She wants to thank everyone who made it possible and hopes the cast and crew have a great night.

Sam Denler (Prince Charming) is a 10th grader at Somers High School. He has been in middle school productions, such as *Aladdin Jr* (Aladdin), *Into the Woods Jr* (Jack), and *Seussical Jr* (Horton). He also played Prince Dauntless in last year's high school musical performance of *Once Upon a Mattress*. In his spare time, he enjoys singing and playing guitar. He is happy to be playing Prince Charming in *Once Upon a High School* with such a great cast.

Spenser Dettwyler (Hap) is pretty stoked to be Hap in this production of *Once Upon a High School*. Having previously played in *North Woods Nonsense* (Mr. Pike, the clueless fisherman) and *Oliver* (Sowerberry), Spenser is ready for any acting challenge he faces. Not to be confused with Matteo, who plays Slim, the OTHER one.

Brandon Di Tieri (Woodsman, Saturday) has been in many productions, including *Anything Goes*; *Les Mis*; and last fall's drama, *North Woods Nonsense*. Recently, he joined the Queens College Choral Society and participated in an intensive opera pre-college over the summer. Brandon is looking forward to blending his love for the stage and music at college by majoring in music performance next year. Woody Allen once said, "My one regret in life is that I am not someone else." I am proud to say that I do not share this regret, because every day that I came to drama I got to step into someone else's shoes. Because of this, Brandon would like to thank everyone involved in the productions at Somers High School for inspiring him to take that chance these past 4 years. Moreover, he would like to say that the arts are one of the best things that Somers has supported him with, and because of their support, it has become a wonderful place for artistic students. Brandon thanks you for coming to see the show and hopes you will like it. However, if you are not fully satisfied with this production, that's all the more reason to come back and see the musical in the spring, and if you don't like the musical, come and see the drama next year. He will actually be sitting with you in the audience, so you can then approach him with this playbill and say the show better be good and start reading these words to him. He will then tell you stop interrupting the actors on stage and that you are being incredibly rude. After the performance, he will tell you to see the musical. So stop reading, relax and enjoy the show!

Wendy French (Gloria) is thrilled to be a part of *Once Upon a High School* this year. Wendy is a senior and is so excited to be returning to the drama club for the last time as a producer and secretary of the drama club. Since her freshman year, she has performed in every production Somers High School has offered, which includes *Once Upon a Mattress* (ensemble), *Northwoods Nonsense* (reporter), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (ensemble), *The Canterbury Tales* (the Nun's Nun), *Anything Goes* (ensemble), and *M*A*S*H* (Korean woman). She had a great time making the posters and programs, mixing her passions for theater and design on the computer. She will continue both next fall when she will attend the University of Tampa with a major in Advertising and Public Relations on a design track and a minor in theatre. Wendy would like to thank the amazing director, production manager, student director, and stage manager who put this play together, and her family for always supporting her. She would also like to wish the best of luck to her awesome friends in the cast and crew in this production and in all their future productions as well.

Katy Gazzini (Randy) is a freshman at Somers High School and was in various plays, such as *Into The Woods Jr*, *Fiddler on the Roof Jr*, and *Little Shop of Horrors Jr*. She is mad excited for this play.

Kim Giancaspro (Gretel) is a junior. This is her third production for the SHS drama club. She was previously in *The Canterbury Tales* and *North Woods Nonsense*. Enjoy the show!

Jeff Goldberg (Melvin) would like to welcome you to today's performance of *Once Upon a High School*. Previous acting credits include *The Drowsy Chaperone* (ensemble), *North Woods Nonsense* (ensemble), and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Knight #2). So today, the drama club would like you to sit back and enjoy the production.

Ricky Hvisch (Headmaster Gable) is excited to perform in this production of *Once Upon A High School*. He has previously been in performances of *The Drowsy Chaperone* (George), *The Breakfast Club* (Carl), and *Northwoods Nonsense* (Mr. Pine) among other shows. He wants to thank all the seniors for making high school the best it could possibly be and loves them with all his heart!! He hopes you enjoy the performance and to all the actors: congratulations and break your leg!

Rachel Kurtz (Spatter) is so excited to be performing in another Somers High School play. She is a junior and has been doing the plays since she was a freshman. She has been in *Grease*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Canterbury Tales*, *North Woods Nonsense*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Once Upon A Mattress*. Most recently, she studied an acting intensive at SUNY Purchase College over the summer where she performed *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Nora). Rachel is looking forward to opening night, and she hopes that everyone who sees it will enjoy it as much as she loves acting in it.

Daniel Kushner (Hansel) is very excited to be in his first high school production! Before this, he has performed in school and camp productions, such as *Into the Woods Jr*, *Seussical Jr*, *Fiddler on the Roof Jr*, *Little Mermaid*, and *Guys and Dolls*. In addition, he also takes voice and piano lessons. He would like to thank his family and friends for their constant support! Enjoy the show!

Dalia Laredo (Jill) just wants to say she does drama because it's so fun, and no matter how many scenes are spent with a bucket on her head, there's a great cast around her ready to pick her up when she falls off the stage.

Megan Levy (Snow White) is so excited to be Snow White in *Once Upon a High School* as her freshman debut on the high school stage. She hopes that the cast and crew have a great time and that everyone enjoys the show!

Tara Lockwood (Terry) is a sophomore in Somers High School. Tara is thrilled to be returning to the drama club! Her past shows include *Once Upon A Mattress* (ensemble), *North Woods Nonsense* (Mrs. Pike), *Seussical Jr* (Turtle Judge #1), *Into The Woods Jr* (ensemble), and *Aladdin Jr* (Guard #1). This summer she joined the Play Group Theatre where she helped create the musical, *Reality Check*, and played the role of Sylvia Cole. Tara also attends The Country Academy of Dance. She would like to give a huge thanks to Mrs. Lieto, the director; Joe Coppola, the student director; her family; friends; and the amazing cast and crew. She would especially like to give a big shout out to her brother, Joseph Lockwood.

Nicole Maratto (Shirley) is 16 and a junior. She enjoys music, dancing, acting, movies and go karting. This is Nicole's first year in drama. She is very excited to be in this production of *Once Upon A High School*. She thanks her parents for always supporting her. She also thanks the producers, directors, cast, and crew for making this show possible. Nicole hopes you enjoy the show!

John McDermott (Pinnochio) is having fun in drama club this year and can't wait till the play. He enjoys being in the production of *Once Upon A High School*, orchestra, and choir. He would like to thank everyone in drama club and those in charge.

Carleigh Meyer (Kristi) is a freshman in Somers High School and is excited to be in the drama club production of *Once Upon A High School*. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone in the drama club for making this play great. In the past, she has been in the Somers Middle School productions of *Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Tzeidal) and *Seussical Jr* (Turtle Judge). She has also been in a Yorktown Stage production of *Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy). She is very enthusiastic about being able to participate in drama club and is glad that she can be a part of this family.

Mary Murphy (student) is a freshman in Somers High School. She was in all the Somers Middle School productions, which include *Into the Woods Jr* (Baker's wife), *Seussical Jr* (zebra), and *The Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Sasha). She's very excited to be a part of the high school show and to join the family.

Scarlett Neggers (Goldilocks) is a freshman at Somers High School and this is her first high school performance. She is very excited to be in this show, since this is her first speaking role. She enjoys practicing with the cast and loves acting, art, fashion, and traveling. She would like to thank her mom, dad, sister, brother, and all her friends who supported her and helped her practice to be the best Goldilocks she could be.

Brian Neggie (Mirror) is a sophomore at SHS and is ecstatic to be a part of *Once Upon a High School*. He has previously been in *Once Upon a Mattress* (TOTALLY different than *Once Upon a High School*), *North Woods Nonsense*, and *Seussical Jr*. He would like to thank everyone involved in this amazing production. Be The Set Piece!

Margot Nohe (Wicked Witch) is a freshman and is happy to be in this play. She has been featured in a number of plays, including *Beauty and the Beast Jr* (Cogsworth), *Aladdin Jr* (Jafar), *Hairspray* (Prudy) and *Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Constable). In addition to theater, she is an anime and Adventure Time enthusiast. She hopes to pursue a career in acting.

Gillian Norbutt (Cinderella) is thrilled to be Cinderella in her high school debut of *Once Upon a High School*. She has been performing since she was little, taught herself to play guitar, and performed in several productions, such as *Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Golde) and *Seussical Jr* (Wickersham). She thanks everyone who has helped support her to follow her dreams.

Noelle Odell (Mercy) is very excited to be in this year's production of *Once Upon a High School*. Noelle would like to thank everyone involved in the drama club for making this show possible, and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Tristan Parillo (Irving) is a junior in Somers High School, and he is proud to be a part of *Once Upon a High School*. He would like to thank the cast for all their hard work and dedication. Break a leg everyone and enjoy the show!

Rebecca Rodriguez (Tag) is a junior and is thrilled to be playing Tag in the high school production of *Once Upon A High School*. Rebecca loves to act and has been in many shows before like *Once Upon A Mattress* (ensemble), *Northwoods Nonsense* (guest), *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins), and *Shrek* (Fiona). Other than acting, Rebecca likes playing guitar and uke and writing songs. She would like to thank her cast mates and directors for putting on this fantastic show! She hopes you enjoy it!

Dana Saad (Magda) is currently a junior at Somers High School. Since fifth grade, she attended St. Joseph's School in Croton Falls and then transferred to the Somers School District. Previously, she was in various musicals and drama plays. Most notably, she participated in *The Music Man*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Canterbury Tales*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *North Woods Nonsense*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She participates in the drama club, Model UN, Chamber Choir, Women's Choir, and regular choir. Dana congratulates and thanks the whole cast, crew, and directors/producers for all their hard work, and also thanks her family for the support they have given her. She currently resides in Somers with her parents and little sister; her favorite hobbies are singing and dancing.

Nadine Santoro (Rumplestiltskin) has been involved in all of the SHS theatre productions, most notably *The Canterbury Tales* (Pardoner) during her freshman year. She attended a college-level performing arts course at Cambridge University in the UK last summer and is thrilled as always to be involved in another production back home, bringing stories to life with her fellow actors. She would like to thank the stellar cast and crew for another wonderful year with the drama family.

Georgia Schunk (Danica) is a junior at Somers High School. Ze has previously starred in *Once Upon a Mattress* (Queen Aggravain), *Northwoods Nonsense* (Grace), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (The Narrator), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (The Drowsy Chaperone), *Seussical Jr* (Mayzie), and *Into the Woods* (Cinderella, Witch). Ze would like to major in photography, and ze also took the headshots for this show. Ze would like to thank zher friends and family for their never ending support and ze hopes you enjoy the show!

David Sparks (Principal Lewis) is a senior in Somers High School and has performed in previous high school shows like *Once Upon a Mattress* (Wizard), *North Woods Nonsense* (Oakley), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Ensemble), etc. However, what are they? Some might call them accomplishments, yet they are manure before knowing Christ! The real reason why David is where he's at is that Christ is his savior through faith in His death to pay for the salvation from and forgiveness of sins and resurrection to conquer all sin and death so that through faith in what He has done, David, a child tied to the family of God by blood, is saved and forgiven so that he is alive rather than dead due to sin, and holds a place in the Kingdom of Heaven. This hope is for anyone who believes in Christ as Lord. He who is able to do immeasurably more knows everyone personally, wants them to have a personal relationship with Him, and loves them so much that He would die for them. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and remembers the cause to which David acts in worship in Christ.

Ariana Thomas (Little Bo Peep) has been involved in drama club since sixth grade. She enjoys singing and acting very much. She also enjoys dance and has been doing ballet since she was three and dancing on pointe since she was in sixth grade. Ariana also enjoys playing soccer and tennis. Her past productions include *Into the Woods Jr* (Cinderella's mom), *Seussical the Musical Jr* (a hunter), and *Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Mrs. Yussel). She hopes you enjoy the show!

Erika Thomas (Little Red) enjoys long walks in the forest and delivering food to her grandmother who at times is a wolf in disguise although little red is not completely aware of that. Contrary to popular belief, she is not in fact very gullible... maybe only a little. Little Red one day hopes that the wolf would please stop being so relentless in trying to eat her and would greatly appreciate if people would stop trying to trick her. This is little red's...well, Erika's, last fall production (she has been in every single high school production since her freshman year) and is sadly leaving with such big tears in her eyes. But thankfully, she has always wanted to play the part of little red riding hood and is beyond ecstatic. She would like to thank everyone for this wonderful opportunity and wishes best of luck to everyone. My what a lot of fun drama club has been!

Matteo Velardo (Slim) is a somewhat good organizer and an experienced actor and dancer who enjoys playing any part of the show. He has appeared in four shows (2 musicals, 2 plays). Matteo's character, Slim, follows Bull around as one of his cronies. Matteo's preparation for shows like the one you are seeing now is adequate and effective. He has partaken in the theatre business for 2 years and theatre dance for 8 years. Matteo also dances in other genres such as hip-hop, tap, and jazz. Matteo hopes you enjoy the show!

Hayley Wagner (Opal) is so excited for her first year in the Somers High School drama club. This is her first school production although she has been in *Grease* (Teen Angel) and *Hairspray* (ensemble). She can't wait for everyone to see what an amazing show *Once Upon a High School* is!

Will Walsh (Bull) is really excited, because this is the first show he has ever been in. He would like to thank his sister, Katie, for inspiring him and his friend, Katy Gazzini, for making him audition.

Madelaine Williams (Petra) is thrilled to be playing Petra, the wicked stepsister, alongside the cast in this year's play! She has been in all of the musicals throughout middle school and is super ecstatic to be making her high school debut as a freshman. Music and theatre are her passions, and she loves drama club. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Emma Wilson (TJ) is excited for her first show in Somers. She would like to thank Ms. Jay Sizzle Smith for making her do this, for it is grand. And to the cast, break a leg!

Crew

Stage Manager.....KYM BUSATTI

Head of Props.....SYDNEY WEISLER

Head of Costumes.....RICKY HVISCH, ERIKA THOMAS

Head of House Crew...JON MARTINEZ, LAUREL MEYER

Head of Running Crew.....PETE PERRI

Head of Lighting.....DOMINICK BELMONT

Head of Sound.....PATRICK LANDOR

Costumes.....PAIGE VEGLIANTE, LULU VON ELM

Running Crew.....ABBEY BAULKWILL,RICH COLE,
JOE MARRA, EMELIA KACZMARKIEWITZ,
STEFAN TOTA

House Crew...IAN DILORENZO, SEBASTIAN GUERRERO,
BEN HANDWERGER, KENNY HERBERT,
ALISON HO, ERICA ROSE MICHELL,
EILISH MULLARKEY, ALI ROBENSON,
MARAH RUSH, JESSICA SAMPSON,
DAISY SORENSON, SAM SNYDER
RACHEL WEISBROT

Crew Bios

Abbey Baulkwill (running crew): This is Abbey's third year doing stage crew. She's excited about the play this year, and she wants thank Joe for taking charge of *Once Upon a High School*, and congratulate everyone in the play for all their hard work. Break a leg, guys!

Kym Busatti (stage manager): This is Kym's fourth year being involved in drama club. She has co-stage managed 2 shows and this is her first show stage managing alone. She is very proud of the entire *Once Upon a High School* cast, they all have such amazing talent, and it's an honor to be their stage manager. She would like to thank Joe, Mrs. Lieto, Mrs. Bacal and Mr. Difabbio for helping with this production as well as the cast and crew.

Richard Cole (running crew): Richard is happy to be doing stage crew in this production. He has been on crew in every musical and drama club production since his freshman year. He is now a junior and wants to thank his friend, Jonny Martinez, for introducing him to this wonderful activity.

Patrik Landor (head of sound): Patrick is a senior in high school, and this will be his third year running sound for the drama production. He is both excited about doing sound this year and sad that this will be his last year doing sound for a high school play.

Jonathan Martinez (head of house crew): Jon is very happy to be doing the drama club production this year and has been on house crew for every show since freshman year. He is currently a junior, and he wants everyone to know this one thing: Rick Astley is never gonna give you up or let you down, he is never gonna run around and desert you, never gonna make you cry, never gonna say goodbye, never gonna tell a lie and hurt you.

Laurel Meyer (head of house crew): Laurel is a senior at SHS and this is her third year in house crew. She is so happy to be able to be head of house again this year with Jon and is sad this is her last year. She also loves turtles.

Pete Perri (head of running crew): Pete is a senior at SHS. He has been involved in stage crew all throughout middle and high school. He enjoys the color purple.

Lulu Von Elm (costumes): Lulu is 5'5". She has long dirty blonde hair with warm brown eyes. She has a light complexion and slight figure. She enjoys long intellectual conversations, reading an intriguing novel by a fire and long walks on the beach. Oh and drama club. She likes that too.

Samantha Snyder (house crew): Sam Snyder is participating in house crew this year. She is a senior and has been part of the crew for three years now. She also likes turtles.

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Have a GREAT show!

Love, Mom, Dad, Emilio, & Max

Good luck to the entire cast and crew.

I love you and am so proud to know you!

Gillian, we are so proud of you! - Mom, Dad and Caitlin

Gillian: Although I can't be there in person, I will be thinking about ya, knowing you will be great! Love, Grandma

THE END IS NEAR... so enjoy the show! - Spenser Dettwyler

Breana, we all love you and are so proud of you. Break a leg!! Congratulations to our star!! Love always, Daddy,
Mommy, Brandon, Haylee and Sasha

So proud of our star, Madelaine!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lily, Grace and Ceecee

Good luck to cast and crew. Break a leg!
- The Williams Family

My lovely seniors:

It's been such a privilege performing with you all these years. You're all wonderful, talented people, and I don't know what we'll ever do without you.

Thank you all for being you.

With love,
Nadine

Margot—Enjoy your change to fly and keep on defying gravity! Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, David, cast and crew!
- Love Mom, Dad, Peter, & Amy

CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN :}

Mirror Mirror on the wall, who is the GREATEST one of all :}

We wish you all the best and we know you will be Fantastic :}

We are very proud of you and love you very much :}

We wish the Best of Luck to all the Cast and Crew :}

Love, Mom, Dad, Tim and Grandma :}

To Jessica Cooper: We are all so proud. Good luck to you and the entire cast. Break a leg!

John is an awesome actor.

"Oh my goodness" . . . Ricky
Congratulations to you and the entire
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From the entire Hvisch Family and Miss
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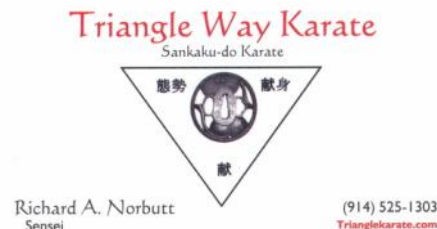
So proud of you Matteo! - Grandma & Grandpa

Break a leg Matteo! ~ Victoria

To our love Dana,
We are very proud of you, and
break-a-leg. You shine like the star
you are!

To the full cast & crew,
congratulations on an awesome job,
well done!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Mimi



Best of luck to our son John and
the entire cast of *Once Upon a
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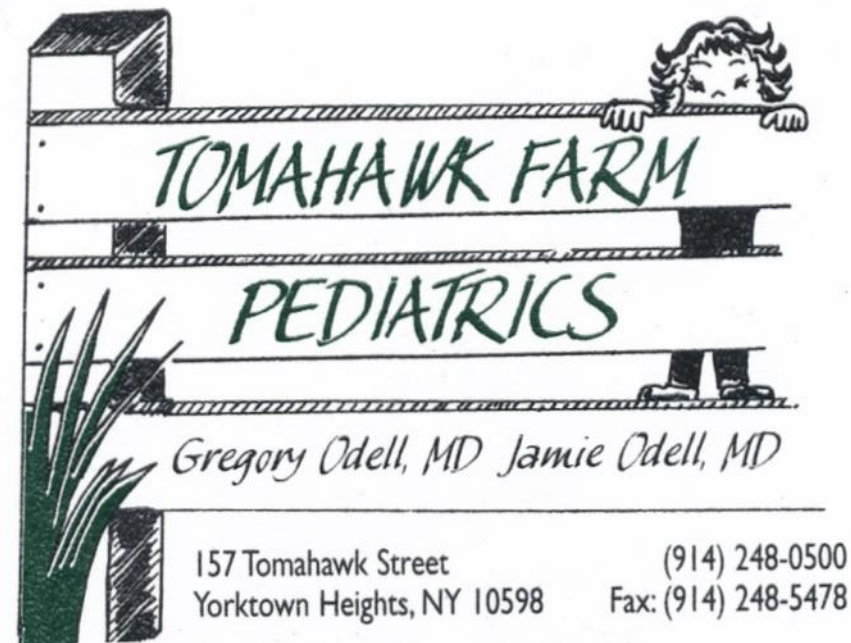
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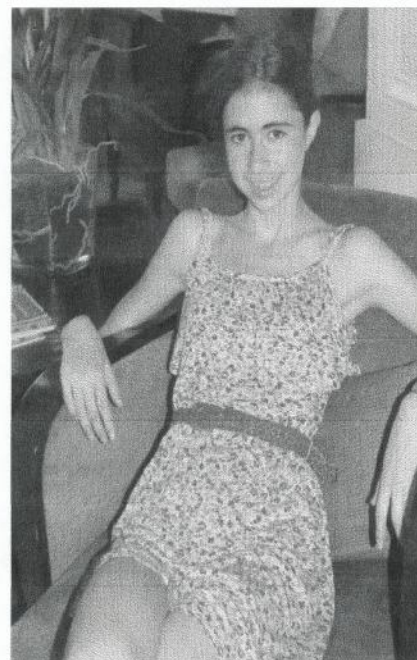
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**and a special shout
out to Matteo - we
love you!**

Mom, Dad & Katherine

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