

D&P NEWSLETTER

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THE HOME STRETCH!

Two months to go! So far this semester we have had a very successful (even with Mother Nature's issues) Dance Concert 2015, and a fantastic New Works Festival. Our fantastic five designers (Alex Hicks, Evan Sennett, Josh Brown, Elizabeth Markert, and JoAnna Lewis) created a wonderful New Works festival...all on their own. They made the Design & Production department proud with

their effort and dedication to the final product.

We have started working on our final Production, *How Not to Be Popular*, which is a new work written by a YPAS teacher. We are very excited about the show and hope to see a lot of parents in the audience. As always, to get tickets visit

www.tinyurl.com/ypastickets1415

Don't forget to flip the newsletter over for more information on fundraising, Proficiencies, and

other important notes!

Finally, We have a new department news blog. All of our current student have signed up, but we would love our parents to also! Please visit <http://www.ypastech.com/department-news> And click to sign up!

Senior Night

5/21/15

A night to celebrate our Seniors. Seniors and their Parents are invited for a dessert reception/ awards ceremony on the YPAS Mainstage.

TECH OLYMPICS & LOCK-IN 5/22/15

At the end of each May, the Design & Production department hosts an event called Tech Olympics. Students will sign up to participate in various techie events with the possibility of earning prizes (gift cards) and bragging rights.

We are always looking for a few donations to help us out. We sell cokes, wreaths, and our new Kroger Card fundraiser to raise money for the prizes and reception (and the Lock-In we do for our students that night).

We are hoping to have some parents

donate \$ or gift cards in varying amounts to help cover the costs of both events. Please send in anything you can donate to AMY. Thanks in advance!

The Lock-in is a Techie only event and we have lots of activities overnight to keep the students entertained (movies, twister, t-shirt print-

ing, cards, food, etc.) The Lock-in is from 10pm until 9am.

Tech Olympic Events include:

- Knot Tying
- Hang & Focus
- Basic Wiring
- Sewing Machine Shuffle
- Costume Quick Change
- And a Mystery Event!



KROGER CARD FUNDRAISING

This year we have started a new year-round fundraiser for our department. Unfortunately only SEVEN people have actually registered their card to donate to us :{

For those who have done the old Kroger gift card fundraisers...**this is MUCH easier.** If you have a Kroger card (and most do) all you need to do is register your Kroger card (the one you already use) and Kroger will give back to us a % of everything you spend...it's that easy (and it doesn't cost you a thing)! Follow these steps to help us out:

- Visit krogercommunityrewards.com
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (31028) or name (YPAS Design & Production) select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

**Need a Lab Schedule?
Want to know what classes are
happening?
Visit
www.ypastech.com**

PROFICIENCIES (MAY 6,13,& 20)

At the end of every year the Design & Production students take Proficiency exams. This allows us to ensure all of the basic information from each class is retained each year.

This year the process has been altered slightly. In years past you must pass the proficiency or else you would need to retake the class. From this year forward, we will no longer be repeating classes (unless a student earns a D or U in the actual

class). The weight of the Proficiency grade has increased in the semester total (see the Handbook) and we hope students will take the test just as seriously.

An additional change, instead of taking an individual test for each class we have combined the three tests into one more concise exam. The Level 1 exam will be a combined Stagecraft/Costume Construction/Electricity Exam. The other level exams

will follow the same format. Current Freshman will take the Level 1 exam only. Sophomores will take the Level 1 & 2 exams, and the Juniors/Seniors will take all three level exams. The exams will be taken on a computer in class.

Dates for the Proficiencies are:
Level 3/4 test: 5/6/15; Level 2 test: 5/13/15; Level 1 test: 5/20/15.

If you have questions or concerns, please email any of the D&P teachers.

OTHER STUFF

- Please remember to call **both** Manual and YPAS if your child is out of school,. Feel free to notify us (YPAS) by email!
- We would appreciate it if you would make every effort to pick up students on time. Lately we have had student waiting until 6:15 for rides. If there is an emergency we understand, but when it becomes habit...other arrangements may need to be made.
- Please update your contact information! Visit <http://www.ypastech.com/current-students.html> and click on student contact information. We appreciate you filling out this form (next year it will be required for all students).
- YPAS Design & Production is our Facebook page. We will put important news there if needed!!