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Welcome to Holy Spirit School's 2023 presentation of *Shrek the Musical Jr.*

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in *Shrek The Musical Jr.*, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big, bright, beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. We're looking forward to a fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

In a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task — if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.



Fr. Stephen Prisk
Pastor

Here at Holy Spirit School, we truly are a family and work together from a place of love and dedication. In November 2022, it was announced that *Shrek the Musical Jr.* would be the HSS Performing Arts production for 2023 under the direction of Dani Van Kampen and the production team at StageWorks Theatre Group.

The level of commitment from our families, student actors, parent volunteers and staff, is without question, over and above the call of duty. We often express, "It takes a village" and here at Holy Spirit, that's how the magic happens!



Sr. Marie Antonelli, M.P.F.
Principal

All of this would not be possible without the driving force of our production managers, Anitra Thompson, Nancy Bracchitta, and Kristy Coniglio. These ladies are the "glue" that hold it all together. We are so thankful for their commitment to this amazing program.

Last but not least, to the entire Cast and Crew of Holy Spirit School's presentation of *Shrek the Musical Jr.*... thank you! We love you and may God bless you always!

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL 2023 Performing Arts Program

Production of



in association with StageWorks Theatre Group

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and the Book by William Steig

Book & Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

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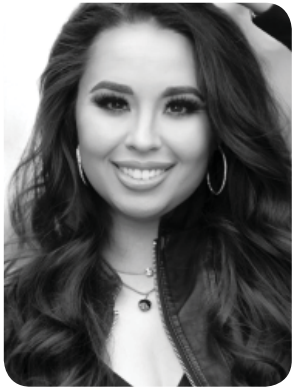
SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

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MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM



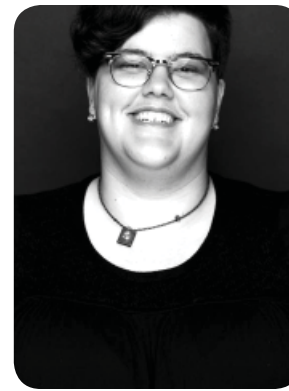
Dani Van Kampen
Director and
Choreographer

Dani Van Kampen has been involved in the theater industry for over 20 years with vast experiences directing, choreographing, as well as designing costumes and make-up for many productions. As a former Walt Disney World Performer in Orlando, FL, Dani now loves sharing her passion of the performing arts with the theater world's next generation of performers! Dani has founded Saddle River Day School's Middle and Lower School Musical programs as well as directing youth productions at StageWorks Theatre Group, right up the road! Dani's acting credits include: Lilli Vanessi (*Kiss Me Kate*), Silly Girl (*Beauty & the Beast*), Mayzie La Bird/ Bird Girl (*Seussical*), Lady Larken (*Once Upon A Mattress*) Marcy Park (*25th...Spelling Bee*); Directing/Choreography Credits include: *Song for a New World*, *Little Women*, *Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, and *Lion King Jr.* (SRDS), *You're a Goodman Charlie Brown*, *Godspell* (Per4ming heARTS), *Nunsence* (WEST MILFORD PLAYERS) *Once Upon a Mattress Jr.* (FAMS) *Legally Blonde Jr.*, *Guys & Dolls Jr.* *Newsies Jr.*, and *Annie Jr.* (Rhino Theatre), and *Lion King Jr.* (StageWorks). "BREAK A LEG TO THE CAST AND CREW! I am so proud of all of you!"



Anthony Bevilacqua
Musical Director

Anthony Bevilacqua has been a part of NJ theatre for nearly 23 years. He started music directing at Rhino Theatre in 2016, and has been music director of almost every show in the youth program since. A lifelong resident of Bergen County, Anthony has worked as a professional violinist, violin teacher, orchestrator and studio musician for symphony orchestras, opera companies, theater, TV and film. Along with music directing at StageWorks, Anthony is also on staff as a sound operator and pit musician. Outside of his professional and union gigs, he enjoys performing with various local community orchestras and theater companies. Aside from violin, Anthony also plays piano, viola, clarinet and bassoon. Anthony has also been a longtime member, music director, and member of the board of directors for Old Library Theatre in Fairlawn. He is an alumnus of William Paterson University and alumni brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. When Anthony isn't music directing, playing in the pit, or running the sound board, you can find him at the park with his black lab Jackie.



Brooke Olsen
Production Assistant

Brooke Olsen (Dragon puppeteer) is thrilled to be a part of Holy Spirit School's production of *Shrek The Musical Jr.* For ten years, Brooke has been involved with technical theatre (Stagemanaging, directing, prop making). Brooke's directing and production assistant credits include *James and the Giant Peach* (Charles Seller Foundation), *Guys and Dolls Jr.* (Rhino Theatre), *Newsies Jr.* (Rhino Theatre), *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (StageWorks), *The Lion King Jr.* (StageWorks), and *Into the Woods Jr.* (StageWorks). She wants to thank her Mom for constructing the Dragon head and is very proud of this cast and crew for everything they accomplished!



Anitra Thompson
Production Manager

Anitra is thrilled to have been a part of returning the Performing Arts Program to Holy Spirit School, and feels honored to watch our young performers express their love for theatre. She earned her BS from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Professional & Technical Communications, and had a long marketing career in corporate settings. Today, Anitra owns and manages her family's portfolio of vacation rental properties in the Outer Banks, and is studying to become an elementary education teacher. In her free time she champions for the best interests of children in foster care as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, is a Girl Scout troop leader, and expresses the beauty she sees in her daily life through photography (www.anitraphotography.com). Big thanks to StageWorks for giving their all to HSS, to our team of amazing volunteers, and to the parents for sharing their kiddos with us.



Nancy Bracchitta
Production Manager

Nancy has been involved in Holy Spirit School's Performing Arts program for over 10 years and considers the annual production one of the highlights of the year. One of her favorite things is watching her children Alessandro and Mariella perform on stage doing what they love. She holds a BS degree in Biology from St. Peter's University and worked for 14 years as a Veterinary Technician before joining the corporate world as a Senior Database Analyst for a pharmaceutical data collection company where she has worked for over 20 years. She is also a Catechist at St. Joseph's where she teaches 4th grade CCD. Nancy would like to extend her sincere congratulations to everyone at StageWorks and to the children of Holy Spirit School who have worked so hard on this wonderful show.



Kristy Coniglio
Production Manager

Kristy is a proud mom of two kids in the cast of *Shrek the Musical Jr.* Francesca (Princess Fiona, 8th grade) and Philip (Stage Crew, 7th grade). Kristy is a retired criminal defense attorney and full time helicopter parent who thoroughly enjoys volunteering for everything to spend a little extra time with her kids. She would like to thank Father Stephen and Sister Marie for the beautiful faith based education here at Holy Spirit School. She would also like to thank Dani, Brooke, Anthony, JoAnn and Ben at StageWorks for bringing the joy of musical theater here to Holy Spirit.



Rob Ashford
Director, Broadway

Rob Ashford won the 2012 Olivier Award for his production of Anna Christie starring Jude Law and Ruth Wilson at London's Donmar Warehouse. Rob most recently directed the Broadway revival of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof starring Scarlett Johansson, and Macbeth with Sir Kenneth Branagh at New York's Park Avenue Armory and The Manchester International Festival. Rob received his 8th Tony Nomination for his work on the Broadway revival of Evita starring Ricky Martin, and received the Tony Award for his work on the Broadway production of Thoroughly Modern Millie. Other Broadway credits include How to Succeed in Business (Tony Award Nominations for his direction and choreography), Promises, Promises (Tony Award Nomination), Shrek, John Water's Cry Baby (Tony Award nomination, Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, and Fred Astaire Awards), Curtains (Tony Award nomination), and Wedding Singer (Tony Award nomination). He has also choreographed the opening number for The Tony Awards starring Neil Patrick Harris for the past 4 years. Most recently, Rob directed and choreographed NBC's The Sound of Music Live!, for which he received a DGA Award Nomination, and this January directed The Barber of Seville at Chicago Lyric Opera.



Jason Moore
Director, Broadway

JASON MOORE (Director). Broadway: Avenue Q, Steel Magnolias. Carnegie Hall: Jerry Springer: The Opera. Off-Broadway: Speech and Debate (Roundabout), Avenue Q (the Vineyard), Guardians (the Culture Project), The Crumple Zone. Associate directing: Les Misérables (Broadway, national tour), Ragtime (Vancouver). Writer: The Floatplane Notebooks (Charlotte Repertory Theatre). TV directing: episodes of Dawson's Creek, Everwood, One Tree Hill and Brothers and Sisters. Jason has a BS in performance studies from Northwestern University.

THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

Mama Ogre, Duloc, Woods, Mother Goose	Juliette Jakubowski
Papa Ogre, Knight, Bishop	Gabriel Ledgerwood
Baby Ogre, Dwarf	Jake Ameri
Shrek	Mariella Bracchitta
Captain of the Guards	Angelica Koleser
Pinocchio, Rats	Sophia Thompson
Gingy, Rats	Ariella Rodriguez
Mama Bear	Madelyn Lavella
Papa Bear	Brady Tiernan
Baby Bear	Clíodhna Smith
Pig Number 1, Woods, Duloc	Raquel Decker
Pig Number 2, Woods, Duloc	Sophia Arroyo
Pig Number 3, Woods, Duloc	Anna Sigda
Big Bad Wolf, Knight	Johnathan Pellington
Young Fiona, Little Red, Rats	Caitlin Pelosi
Teen Fiona, Tinkerbell, Rats	Makayla McCombs
Peter Pan, Woods	Adele Szanto
Ugly Duckling, Rats	Clara Lipke
Wicked Witch, Rats	Juliana Lipke
Snow White, Knight	Briannah Howe
Donkey	Elizabeth Eusebio
Farquad	Tyler Ameri
Dragon, Rats, Duloc	Eve Cangemi
Guard, Duloc, Rats, Humpty Dumpty	Reagan Pellington
Rooster, Duloc, Little Red Hen	Alexa Zapana
Pied Piper, Duloc, Woods	Madison Kieselmann
Puss in Boots, Duloc, Woods	Francesca Cingari
Duloc, Knight, Huntsman	Jake Moody
Princess Fiona	Francesca Coniglio
Dish, Guard, Woods	Rebecca Nunez

Ogres are like onions...

Onions have layers. Ogres have layers.

Thanks to these layers of volunteers

To **Sister Marie** and **Father Stephen Prisk** for their endless support of our Performing Arts Program.

To **StageWorks Theatre Group** for assembling an amazing production team, and expertise in set design, lighting & sound, and costumes.

To **Anitra Thompson, Nancy Bracchitta, and Kristy Coniglio** for all their behind-the-scenes efforts, production assistance, and organizing the parent volunteers.

To **Scott Wylie** for managing our video recording & live stream technology.

To our Marketing Team, especially **Anitra Thompson** for creating our posters, supporting graphics, program book, and capturing cast headshots, **Sandra Snel-len** for managing our ticket sales and social media.

To **Kristy Coniglio** for managing our t-shirt and sweatshirt order.

To our Concession Stand Team, led by **Amanda Arroyo** and assisted by **Kristy Coniglio, Aggie McCombs, Amy Bolan, Amy Eusebio, Diany Zapana, Annette Yodice, De Szanto, Anna Jakubowski, Sarah McGreevy, and Nancy Bracchitta**. Thanks for being our go-to snack & confection extraordinaires.

To our army of stage builders: **Phil Thompson, Bobby Bracchitta, Phil Coniglio, Jacek Jakubowski, Janusz Sigda, and Ken Koleser**. We could not have a show without you!

To our back-stage clean out helpers, especially **Aggie McCombs** and **Kristy Coniglio**. We appreciate all the hours you put in to getting our "house" in order.

To **Madelyn Lavella** and **Ania Sigda** for creating our concession pricing posters, **Francesca and Kristy Coniglio** for creating our beautiful cast board, and to **Angelina Pinho** for painting the show logo in our atrium, thank you for sharing your creativity with us.

To **Aggie McCombs, Amanda Arroyo, Agnes Sigda, and Anna Jakubowski** for providing our tech week dinners.

To our Cast Party Team led by **Aggie McCombs** and assisted by **Amanda Arroyo, Amy Eusebio, Diany Zapana, Jaclyn Lipke, Kris LaVella, Anna Jakubowski, and Heather Pelosi**.

To **Family Carpet** of Riverdale for the donation, installation, removal and storage of our stage carpet.

MEET THE CAST

(in alphabetical order)



Jake Ameri

Jake is so excited to be a part of *Shrek The Musical Jr.* He has had so much fun learning his roles as Baby Ogre and Dwarf. This is his first production with StageWorks. When not practicing for Shrek, Jake enjoys playing baseball on the Pompton Lakes 9U travel team. He also enjoys playing basketball and soccer. He is very grateful for this opportunity and working with this wonderful team and cast.



Tyler Ameri

Tyler is thrilled to be a part of *Shrek The Musical Jr.* He has been having a blast learning his role as Lord Farquaad. This is his first production with StageWorks. When not practicing for Shrek, Tyler enjoys playing on the Holy Spirit School's Varsity Basketball team and is Student Council Treasurer. He also enjoys playing soccer, golf and baseball. He is so grateful for this opportunity and working with this wonderful cast and team.



Sophia Arroyo

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Sophia's first production at Holy Spirit School where she is a fourth grader. Soph is excited to perform as one of the Three Little Pigs as well as a Duloc performer. When she is not performing, Sophia enjoys singing/dancing/tap, gymnastics, shopping, cheer and piano. Soph also loves to spend time with her family and friends and would like to thank her Mom, Dad, sister Gabriella and Grandma for all of their love and support. Soph would also like to thank Sister Marie, Father Stephen and the directors of the musical for everything they do to support the school and this year's production.



Mariella Bracchitta

Mariella is an eighth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* will be her seventh and final performance on the HSS stage since her debut in the first grade as a mermaid in *Peter Pan Jr.* Her other roles have included Marta Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Toto in *The Wizard of Oz* and most recently, Pumbaa in *The Lion King Jr.* Mariella loves playing guitar and is a catcher on her travel softball team. She would like to thank Sr. Marie and Father Stephen for supporting the HSS Performing Arts program, her past directors, Mrs. Kelly Wisneski, Mrs. Cathy Prior and Mrs. Jeanna Pares for giving her a chance and for encouraging her to do what she loves. A big thanks to Mrs. Anitra Thompson and to Dani, Brooke, Anthony and the rest of the StageWorks team for making this such an unforgettable experience. Mariella would also like to thank her Mom, Dad, and big brother Sandro for being her biggest fans and for supporting her.



Eve Cangemi

Eve is in fifth grade and *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her second production at HSS. She has performed at Surlight Theater in LBI for 3 years, with roles in *Spongebob*, *Descendents* and *Elf*. Eve is grateful to be working with StageWorks Theatre this year, and is thankful for Sister Marie, Father Stephen and the HSS family for supporting this program. Eve has many interests in the performing arts including piano, vocals, flute, guitar, and even drums! Her passion for theater is growing every day, and she is currently writing her own music. Most of all, she is excited for her first major role as Dragon. She is looking forward to the next show already!



Francesca Cingari

Francesca is a third grader at Holy Spirit School. When Francesca was four years old we took her to see Holy Spirit's production of *The Sound of Music* and ever since then she has been eagerly awaiting her turn to be able to participate in the school play. Francesca is also a member of her Girl Scout troop, a player on the Butler Softball team and member of the Pequannock Chess club. Francesca would like to thank her Dad, Mom, little brother Lorenzo and little sister Gabby for all their love and support.



Francesca Coniglio

Francesca is a member of the class of 2023 here at Holy Spirit School and is President of the student government. She is thrilled to be a part of this production, playing Princess Fiona. Francesca also is delighted to be attending the Academy of St. Elizabeth next year, where she has been honored as a Mother Xavier Merit Scholar. She would like to thank her director, Dani, for this amazing opportunity to play such a great character. She also wants to thank Brooke, Anthony, Ben Yates, and JoAnn Ventor for making her final show at Holy Spirit school one to remember. She wants to dedicate her performance in *Shrek The Musical Jr.* to Sister Marie for being an inspiration in faith and life. Most importantly, she would like to thank her mother, father, and beautiful cane corso for being an unwavering source of love and support always.



Raquel Decker

Raquel is a sixth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her third production at HSS, following *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Lion King Jr.* She is ecstatic to be starring as Pig #1 in this production. In her free time Raquel likes hanging out with friends, playing softball, being a Girl Scout, swimming, and exploring the outdoors. She would love to be a herpetologist as her love for reptiles is never-ending. She thanks Mom, Dad, and Abba for their love and endless support for this production.



Elizabeth Eusebio

Elizabeth is a seventh grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is Elizabeth's second production with HSS where she plays the role of Donkey. This is her sixth production overall. Some other shows that she has done include: *Grease*, *Newsies Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast*, etc. In her free time she enjoys playing the piano, tap dancing, and singing. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Marcus, and her niece for all the endless support. Also, huge thanks to Sister Marie and staff for making the play possible.



Briannah Howe

Briannah is a eighth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* will be Briannah's second production at HSS. Briannah has a heart of gold and is passionate of animals. She enjoys horseback riding, swimming, video games, baking, sketching, painting, and creative writing. She's also an avid music lover and enjoys playing guitar. Briannah would like to THANK GOD and her family for all their love and support and Sr. Marie, Fr. Stephen and the entire Shrek crew for giving her the opportunity to be part of this amazing production and experience.



Angelica Koleser

Angelica is an eighth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her second production where she is thrilled to be the Captain of the Guards. She was also a lioness in last year's production of *The Lion King Jr.* Angelica's other interests include playing basketball for Holy Spirit CYO, softball, soccer, skiing, and horseback riding. She is enjoying this year's theater experience and would like to thank her family, friends, and staff for their support.



Juliette Jakubowski

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Juliette's second time taking part in the production at Holy Spirit School where she is currently a fifth grader. Juliette is playing Mama Ogre this year, with her previous roles being Hyena, prideland animal, and ensemble in *The Lion King Jr.*, which was also a Holy Spirit School production. Juliette plays piano and enjoys ballet and hip hop dance. She also is learning traditional Okinawan karate. In addition, Juliette is an active member in Iskra, a Polish choir. She would like to thank all her friends and family and teachers for their amazing support.



Madelyn Lavella

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Madelyn's first production at Holy Spirit School. Last year she was behind the scenes designing the sign for *The Lion King Jr.* production. Madelyn's first stage performance was last summer at a local camp production of *Descendants* where she starred as Grimhilde/Evil Queen and was a choral soloist. She has enjoyed working with the cast and crew for the last few months. She is very excited about her role this year as Mama Bear. Madelyn would like to thank her Mom and Dad for all their love and support.



Madison Kieselmann

Madison is a seventh grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* will be her fourth production with HSS. Her previous roles include the goatherd assembly with *The Sound of Music*, a munchkin and flying monkey in *The Wizard of Oz*, and lioness in *The Lion King Jr.* She also works with the Pax Amicus Theatre where she's been in two productions, a munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz* and a Prom Zombie in *The Night of the Living Dead*.



Gabriel Ledgerwood

Gabriel is excited to be back on the Holy Spirit stage in the cast of *Shrek The Musical Jr.* His past stage roles include Simba in last year's production of *The Lion King Jr.*, King Triton in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and Jack in *Newsies*. In his free time, Gabriel plays piano, swims, is part of a robotics team, engineers new creations with his Legos, and works on his Boy Scout requirements. Gabriel would like to thank Sister Marie, the StageWorks staff, and the cast parents for their time, support and direction. He would also like to thank his Mom, Dad, and brothers Caleb, Jude, and Luca... his biggest fans.



Clara Lipke

Clara is a fourth grader at Holy Spirit School. This is her second time joining the school play. Her role this year is one of the Fairytale creatures who was banished from the Kingdom of Duloc by Lord Farquad, the Ugly Duckling. We have seen her practice all her songs and dances in school and at home. She also enjoys gymnastics, singing and dancing. Clara is very dedicated to her craft without compromising her academic achievements, maintaining her excellent grades in school.



Jake Moody

Jake is so excited to be in his first musical! He has always loved Shrek and is even more excited to be a part of this show! He wants to thank all his friends and the directors for making this experience so fun!



Juliana Lipke

Juliana is currently a sixth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her second play to be in and this year she is playing the role of Wicked Witch, one of the fairytale creatures banished to Shrek's swamp. Juliana can really get into her character using her high pitch voice. She enjoys every single rehearsal and can't wait for everyone to see her perform. Juliana is one busy 6th grader, balancing academics and arts very well.



Rebecca Núñez

Rebecca is a fourth grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her second production where she is playing a guard and a woodland creature. Her previous roles included hiena and grassland animal in *The Lion King Jr.* When she is not performing, Rebecca is an active member in her Girl Scout troop where she's been for five years. Rebecca is also a member of the Pequannock recreation swim and soccer teams. Love for the performing arts started to show in first grade when she started to play the piano. Rebecca would like to thank her family for the love and support they show her, and the entire Shrek staff for if it wasn't for them this production could not be possible.



Makayla McCombs

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Makayla's first time being a part of the Performing Arts Program at Holy Sprit School. Currently in fourth grade, her roles include Teen Fiona, Dancing Rat, and Tinkerbell. Makayla likes to keep busy outside of the play as she is involved in indoor soccer, jazz/acro dance classes, and is a cheerleader for both Holy Spirit School and Pequannock. Makayla would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their support throughout it all. In addition, she wants to tell her castmates to break a leg out there as she knows they will be great.



Johnathan Pellington

Johnathan is in seventh grade and ecstatic to be involved in the *Shrek The Musical Jr.* production. His acting debut was in *The Wizard of Oz*, which was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID. Johnathan is a Boy Scout with Troop 277 in Kinnelon. He loves hiking, camping, backpacking, biking, collecting rocks, and exploring nature. Johnathan is a great cook and an ambitious salesman; he has earned himself at least one week of Boy Scout camp ever since joining scouting. He is innately curious and has been fascinated by science and how things work ever since he was a little boy.



Reagan Pellington

Reagan is in fifth grade and is thrilled to be involved in her first production at Holy Spirit School. Although new to musicals, Reagan has a background in performing arts. She has performed in several dance recitals and is a cheerleader for Holy Spirit School. When not performing, Reagan enjoys being a Junior Girl Scout in her hometown of Butler, NJ. She loves to read, make jewelry, do arts and crafts, bake, dance, and cherishes time spent with her family and friends. She is caring, compassionate and always willing to help in any way she can.



Caitlin Pelosi

Caitlin is a fourth grader at Holy Spirit School and *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is her second production. She is excited to be playing Young Fiona as well as a tap dancing rat and Little Red Riding Hood. Her previous role was Young Nala in *The Lion King Jr.* Her other activities include playing soccer with the Ringwood Rovers, running with the West Milford Junior Highlanders Track Club, cheerleading for the HSS CYO basketball teams, and learning to play the flute. She loves to read and has an extensive Squishmallow collection. She would like to thank all who are involved in the Performing Arts program, and Mom, Dad, and big brother Ryan who will not get to see this performance but will be cheering her on from afar as he takes the stage in his school's *Shrek The Musical* at the same time.



Ariella Rodriguez

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Ariella's fourth stage performance. In addition to Ariella's experience with theatre, she has some off stage experience doing commercials and auditioning for Disney shows. Ariella has had a passion for drama and music since the age of four. She loves going to Broadway shows and concerts. Being part of the Performing Arts Program has been a dream of hers since she was in kindergarten and is looking forward to many years of performing. "First, think. Second, believe. Third, dream. And finally, dare." Walt Disney ~ Ariella would like to thank her Mom and Dad for all of their love and support and for encouraging her to "Dream Big" and never give up.



Anna Sigda

This is Anna's third year at Holy Spirit and second year in the Performing Arts Program, previously playing Prideland Animal, Hyena and Ensemble in *The Lion King Jr.* In Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School's Christmas Pageant in Mahwah N.J. she played the role of an angel and donkey. In *Shrek The Musical Jr.* she will be playing the parts of one of the Three Little Pigs and a Dulocian. Her favorite subjects in school are S.T.E.M., Art, Gym and Social Studies. She loves the Arts and spends her free time drawing, painting, and creating crafts. When she is not busy with her hobbies she loves the outdoors and spending time with friends and family. Anna would like to thank her Mom and Dad, Father Stephan, Sister Marie and the whole Shrek Staff and Cast.



Cliodhna Smith

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Cliodhna's first production at Holy Spirit School where she is a fourth grader. She is so excited about her role as Baby Bear. When she is not performing, she enjoys reading, karate, and drawing. She is also in the children's choir at St. Joseph's Church. She would also like to thank director Dani and the whole production team for all their hard work.



Adele Szanto

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Adele's second performance and she is super excited to be Peter Pan for this production! Over the summer Adele was thrilled to be part of *Annie Jr.* and played Bert Healy. Adele keeps herself super busy with dancing, singing, and playing sports of all kinds. Adele also spends a great deal of time volunteering for different organizations around town and of course finds time for all of her critters.



Sophia Thompson

Sophia is a seventh grader at Holy Spirit School. *Shrek The Musical Jr.* is Sophia's second production with HSS where she's thrilled to play the role of Pinocchio. Sophia's passion is performing arts, and she's been honored to play Miss. Hannigan in *Annie Jr.*, Timon in *The Lion King Jr.*, as well as other fun roles in *13 The Musical*, *Guys & Dolls Jr.*, and *Newsies Jr.* Sophia is also looking forward to playing Wonka in *Willy Wonka Jr.* this Spring! In addition to performing on stage, Sophia loves to craft, explore, and read. She also enjoys being an active member of her Girl Scout troop. With special thanks to our parent volunteers and the production team who all worked so hard to make this show possible. Big hugs to her fellow cast mates, and especially to her Mom & Dad.



Brady Tiernan

Brady is a seventh grader here at Holy Spirit School and this is his first year participating in the Performing Arts Program. He can't wait to hit the stage as Papa Bear in *Shrek The Musical Jr.* In addition to acting, Brady loves wrestling, football, and swimming. He's grateful to the director, the staff, the volunteers, and the school for allowing him to take part in this year's musical.



Alexa Zapana

Shrek The Musical Jr. is Alexa's third engagement in Holy Spirit School's Performing Arts Program. In the past, Alexa was selected to perform various roles in *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Lion King Jr.* In addition to acting and singing, Alexa plays piano and violin, is a Cadette Girl Scout, loves baking on weekends, enjoys reading suspense and fiction, engages in STEM activities, is an avid Lego set collector, and listens to science podcasts on her way to school. She's grateful to the director, the volunteers, and the school for allowing her to take part in this year's play.

MUSICAL NUMBERS
Act 1

Big Bright Beautiful World
Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Baby Ogre, Shrek, Ensemble

Story of My Life
Captain of the Guards, Pinocchio, Wicked Witch, Peter Pan, Ugly Duckling,
Pig 1, 2, 3, Mama Bear, Papa Bear, Baby Bear, Big Bad Wolf, Tinkerbell,
Little Red Riding Hood, Sugar Plum Fairy

What's Up Duloc Part 1
Duloc Performers, Farquaad

What's Up Duloc Part 2
Duloc Performers, Farquaad

What's Up Duloc Part 3
Duloc Performers, Farquaad

I Know it's Today
Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Princess Fiona

Travel Song
Donkey, Shrek

Forever
Dragon, Knights, Donkey

This is How a Dream Comes True
Princess Fiona



MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act 2

Morning Person
Princess Fiona, Birds, Woodland Creatures, Trees, Pied Piper, Rats

I Think I've Got You Beat
Princess Fiona, Shrek

Make a Move
Donkey, Ensemble

Morning Person (reprise)
Princess Fiona

Freak Flag
Shrek, Gingy, Humpty Dumpty, Rooster, Huntsman, Mother Goose, Pinocchio,
Wicked Witch, Peter Pan, Ugly Duckling, Pig 1, 2, 3, Mama Bear, Papa Bear,
Baby Bear, Big Bad Wolf, Tinkerbell, Little Red Riding Hood

Big Bright Beautiful World (reprise)
Shrek

Finale
The Cast of Shrek The Musical Jr.

I'm a Believer
The Cast of Shrek The Musical Jr.



This musical was produced in association with StageWorks Theatre Group's Arts Outreach Program.

**On behalf of our production team,
congratulations and happy opening to the
cast and crew of Shrek Jr.!**

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Adele,

We love you and are always so very proud of you. Rock the stage, baby girl. Always let that big heart show in everything that you do. We adore you, our Peanut Butter.

Best of luck to the entire cast and crew.

Jelly & Fluff



Congrats!
Clíodhna

We are so proud of you and everything you've accomplished. We love how you are always willing to try new things. May you continue to have that spark in you, our beautiful Baby Bear.

Love, Mom & Dad



Elizabeth.

We are so proud
of you. Always
believe in
yourself and
keep reaching
for the stars.
Love you!

Mom, Dad, Marcus
& Gianna-Marie



Break a leg. We love you!

*Aunt Shell, Uncle Mitch,
Matthew, Hail & Bri*

So very proud of you.
xoxo Good luck!
Poppy & Grandma Jo

Wishing you a very
successful performance.
We are so proud of you
and all your hard work!

*Aunt Dede, Uncle Danny, Jule,
Jamie, Toni & Michael xo*

Sing your heart out!
Love you, Mema

We love that you are
having the time of your
life, and are so proud
of you for giving your
whole heart to this
new experience!



Love you, Mom & Dad xo

You're such a talented young
man. Have fun, we know you're
going to be great!

Love, Brian, Erica, & Adeline

We're so proud of what you're
doing. Break a leg!

*Love you, Stephan & Cassie,
Rudy, Ash, Simba, and Crispy*

Congrats! JULIETTE

To our talented and smart
daughter. You have filled our
lives with overflowing joy. We
love you endlessly.

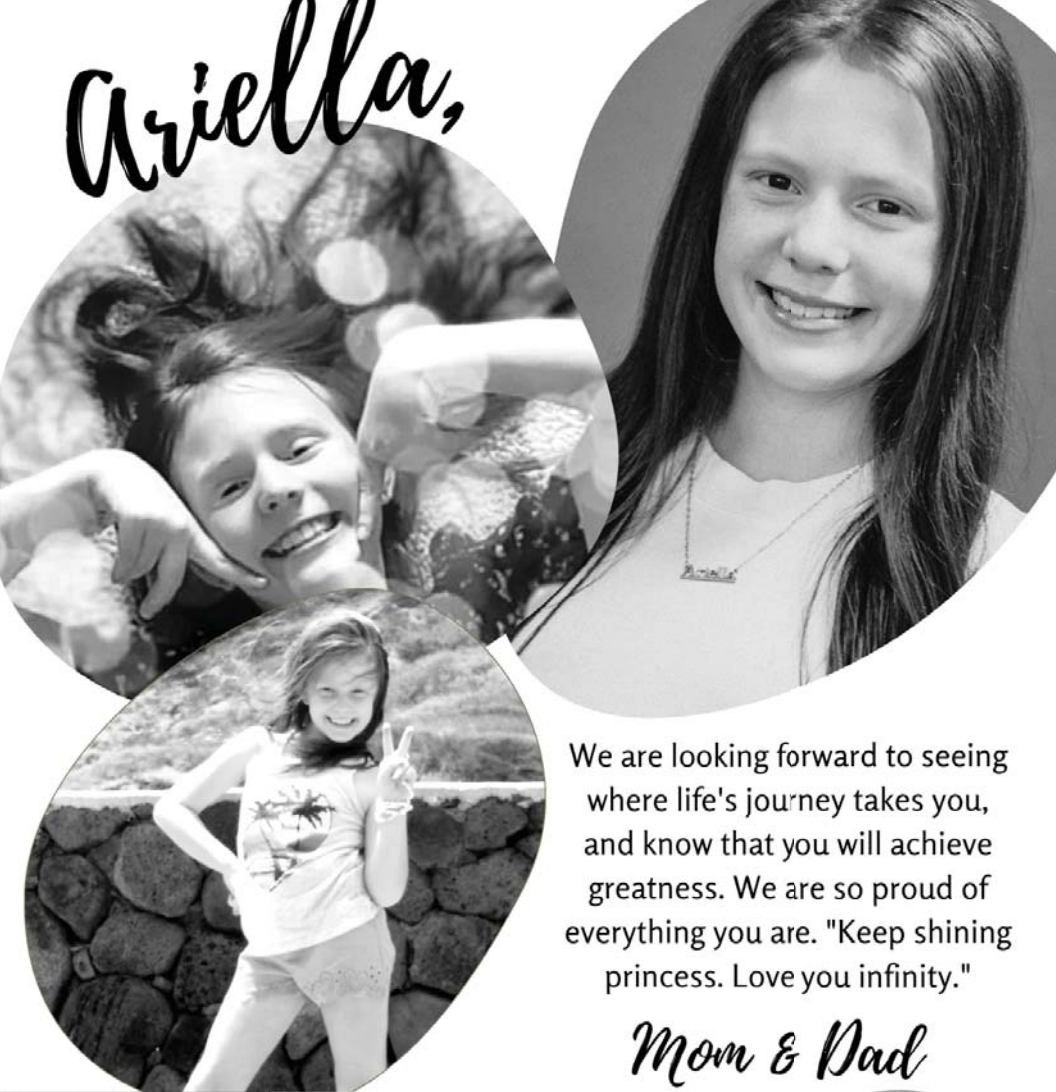
Congratulations to the
cast and crew of Shrek Jr.

Love Mom, Dad, Jessica,
Veronica, Monica, and Babcia



*Congrats on your first
performance Brady!*

Ariella,



We are looking forward to seeing where life's journey takes you, and know that you will achieve greatness. We are so proud of everything you are. "Keep shining princess. Love you infinity."

Mom & Dad

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Love you, my beautiful Granddaughter



Jake

Good luck on your performances!
We are so excited to see you in your first show! We love you so much!

Love, Mom, Dad, Zach, and
Vannah



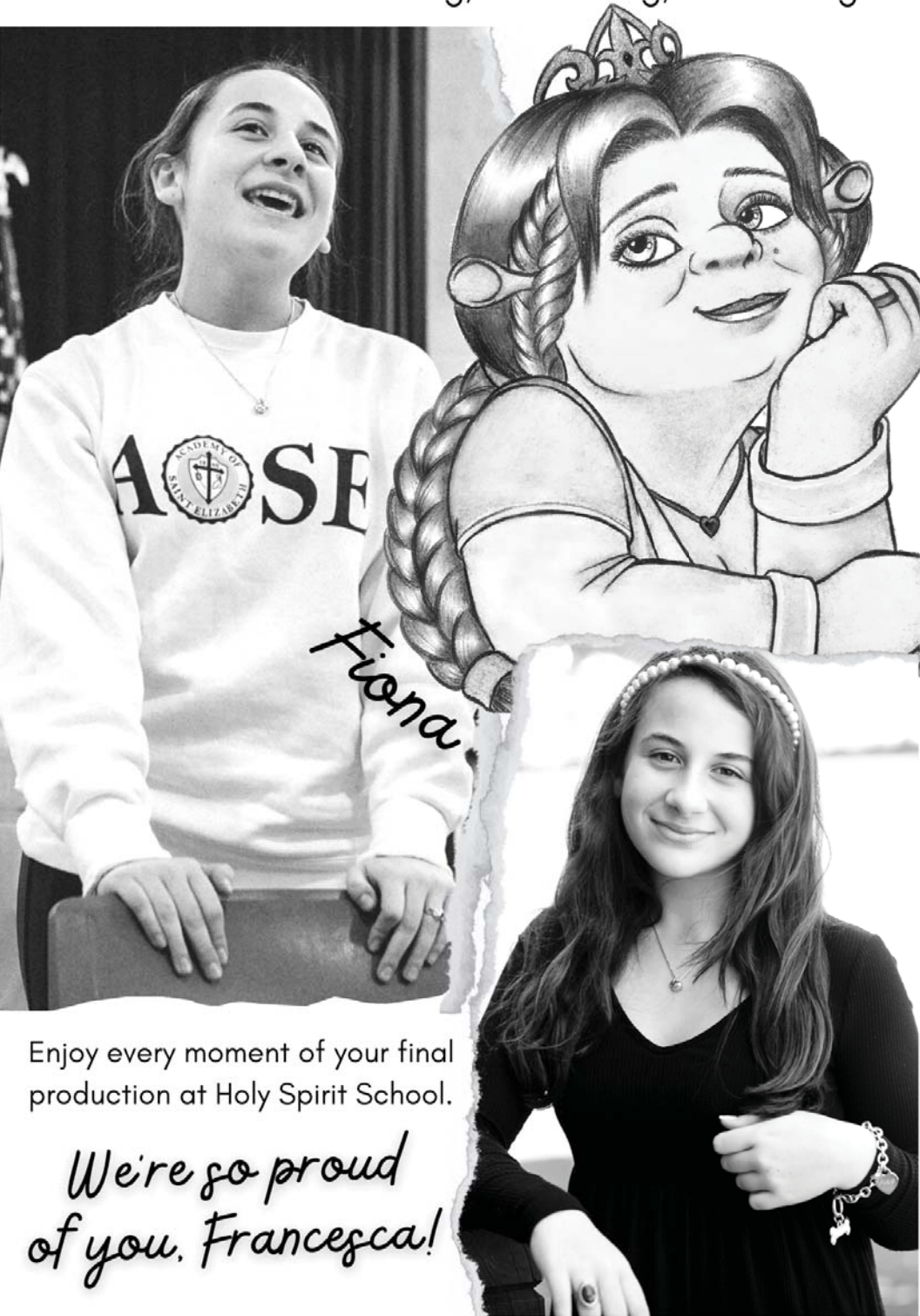
Raquel

Congratulations on
your third
performance at
HSS. Keep Shining
like the Sun!



Love you,
Mom & Dad

Cut the monsters, cut the curses! Keep the intro, cut the verses! And the waiting, the waiting, the waiting!



Enjoy every moment of your final production at Holy Spirit School.

We're so proud of you, Francesca!

Congratulations, Sophia!!

We are so very proud of you, Soph for all of the hard work and preparation you put into your first school play. It's amazing to see how far you have come and the love you have for singing, dancing, acting. Keep being YOU.

We love you very much!!

Mom, Dad, Gabriella & Grandma



Dear Francesca,

We are so proud of you and can not wait to see you shine bright on stage!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Shrek Jr.

Love, Dad, Mom, Lorenzo & Gabby





Mariella,

Congratulations on your last production at Holy Spirit School! We're so proud of all you've accomplished. Embrace new opportunities and keep doing what you love. We will be there for you every step of the way! Break a leg to the Cast and Crew of Shrek Jr. We love you! Mom, Dad, Sandro and your family



Break a leg

Alexa, we can't wait to see you delight us on stage.

Love you so much, Dad, Mom, Kelsey, and Lucian.

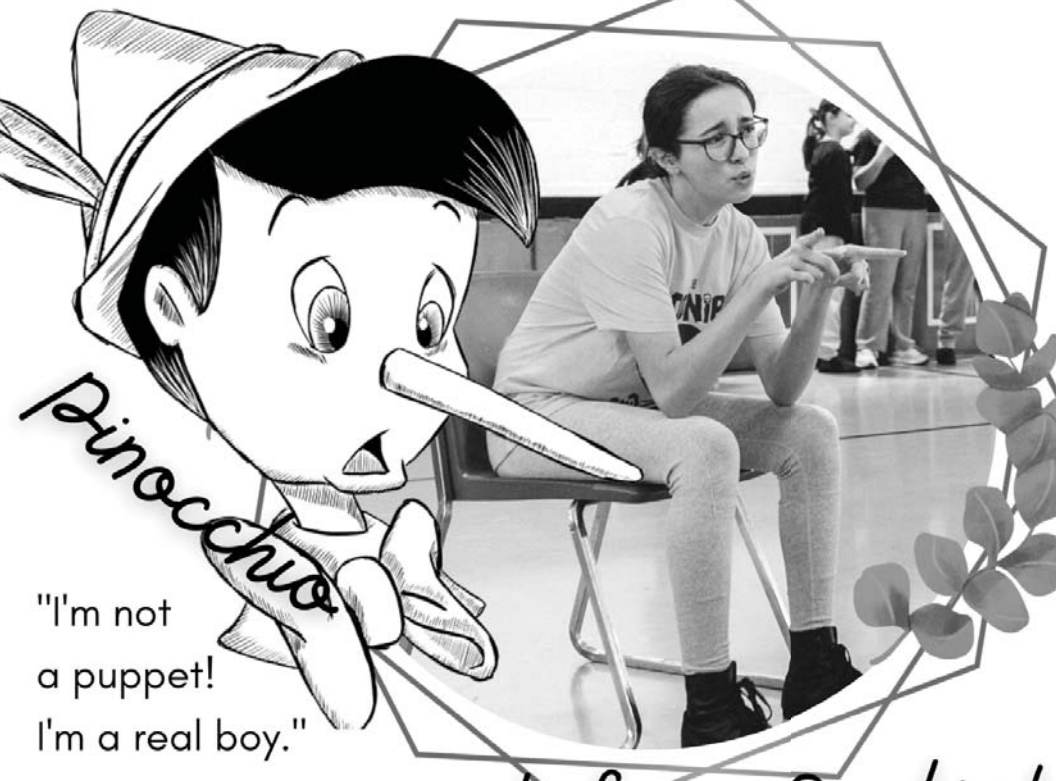


Congrats on your 8th grade performance Angelica!



"Ogres are like onions,
Onions have layers,
Ogres have layers..."

*We love your layers,
Mom, Dad & Anthony*



"I'm not
a puppet!
I'm a real boy."

We're so proud of you, Sophia!



*Break a leg
to the cast
and crew!*

Love you
to the ☾
and back.

*Linda &
Batman*

Congratulations

☆ Caitlin!



We're so proud of our
Young Princess Fiona,
and we can't wait to
watch you shine.



Love, Mom, Dad, and Ryan

Madelyn,

We always knew
that you would
love being on
stage. You are
our shining star!
Love you to the
moon and back.

Mommy & Daddy
xoxo



You're off to great places. Today is your day!
Your mountain is calling, so get on your way!

DR. SEUSS

Rebecca
we are so proud of you!

From behind the scenes
to on the stage... you
never cease to amaze
us! Congratulations on
your second musical!

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Bubba




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JULIANA FOR
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WONDERFUL
PERFORMANCE!
LOVE, MOMMY
AND DADDY



Madison

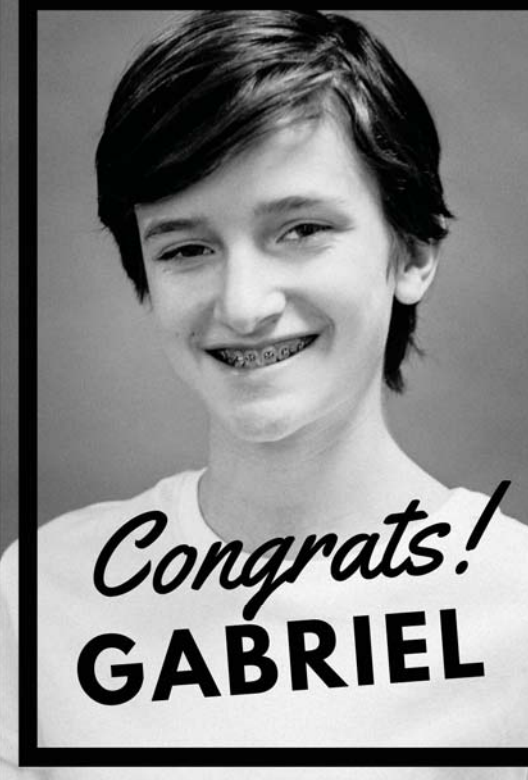
*"The stars don't
tell the future.
They tell stories."*
Shrek

Love you so much.
Break a leg & congratulations
to the cast and crew!
Love Mom & Dad





Eve, Congratulations to you
and the entire cast and crew of Shrek Jr.
We are so proud of our one and only Dragon!
We love you!
Grampi & Glammy



We're so proud of you! You've
worked so hard rehearsing,
and we're looking forward to
seeing you on stage!

Love Mom, Dad, Caleb, Jude & Luca



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Makayla McCombs

Dear Makayla,

We could not be prouder of you!! From our Day 1 Drama Queen to many roles in Shrek Jr. we always knew you would be a shining star. Just go out there have fun and do your best.

The McCombs family would also like to say good luck and congratulations to cast and crew of the Shrek Jr. production.

Love

Mom, Dad, Ayden, Makenzie, Gigi, Babcia, and Dziadek



Congrats on your
8th grade
performance,
Briannah!



Tyler & Jake,

Best of luck on your
performance in Shrek!

You two have been
working so hard and
I am so proud of you.
Can't wait to see you
in action!



Love always...
your biggest fan, Mom xo



Congrats
Johnathan & Reagan!

We are so excited to see you both
debut in your first performance. We
are very proud of all of your hard
work. You have blessed us with so
much joy and laughter and we look
forward to seeing you shine onstage!

—love—

Mommy, Daddy & Wally

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GABRIEL DRURY
BRIANNAH HOWE
ANGELICA KOLESER
DANIELYNN MORENO
OLYMPIA STASIOREK
JACKSON WYLIE



8th GRADE THOUGHTS & 7th GRADE THANKS

cast & crew



FROM LEFT-RIGHT:

Mariella Bracchitta, 8th Grade Cast

"Being a part of this program has been a gift and a blessing. Since first grade, I've developed confidence, creativity, and learning to laugh at myself in a loving and supportive environment. I can't wait to pursue theatre in high school, and will be back as a junior production assistant for HSS!"

Francesca Coniglio, 8th Grade Cast

"I'm fairly new to the theatre community, and am grateful for every musical experience. Nala and Princess Fiona have encouraged me to be graceful under pressure, and fearlessly fun. I want to thank Holy Spirit School for introducing me to theatre, and will cherish the moments made on our stage."

Briannah Howe, 8th Grade Cast

"During my five years in our Performing Arts Program, I've been surrounded by creative, caring, positive, and shameless castmates. I especially love bonding with new people, and will always think fondly of the friendships made on the HSS stage."

Angelica Koleser, 8th Grade Cast

"It feels so good that I've been able to grow as a performer, from not wanting a speaking role to singing, dancing, and acting, I've loved this experience and plan to participate in my high school's theatre program, too."

That's off to our amazing 7th grade crew!



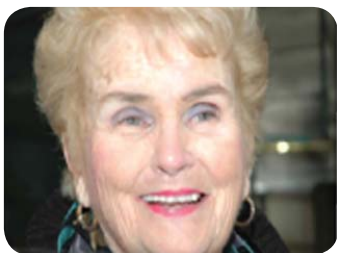
LIAM BOLAN

PHILIP CONIGLIO

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THE MAUREEN PICCOLI FOUNDATION



In loving memory of an amazing, kind and generous woman whose passion for music and children brought her to Holy Spirit. Maureen was involved with Holy Spirit School and church from 1960 until she passed away in 2008. She was the Director of Music, the Choir Director & Pastoral Associate for Liturgy & Music at Holy Spirit Church for over 40 years. She was also the Music Teacher at Holy Spirit School & St. Theresa's in Paterson. Her many contributions to her church and community are a testament to the legacy she leaves behind.

The Maureen Piccoli Foundation for Performing Arts was founded in her memory in 2008 to assist the encouragement and funding of the performing arts for students of Holy Spirit School. The foundation financially supported the productions of *Willy Wonka Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Beauty & the Beast Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *Music Man Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Elf Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *The Sound of Music Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz* (twice), *The Lion King Jr.*, and *Shrek The Musical Jr.*

The Holy Spirit Performing Arts Program children would like to send a BIG thank you to The Maureen Piccoli Foundation, and especially Lou Piccoli, for their support, generosity and dedication. It's because of YOU that we can follow our dreams!

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