

SEEING DOUBLE, juniors Andrea Diaz and Trinity Leonard rehearse for the double cast musical. Both Diaz and Leonard played Marcy Park. "I feel pressured to stay on top of everything because I know if I don't, there is someone else that knows my part," Leonard said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE, PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA **BUSTING A MOVE**, junior Vincent Liebchen rehearses a dance for his character Vice Principal Panch. "When I found out there was a double cast, I was very excited because it meant more roles for everybody," Liebchen said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE **CHARACTER IN MIND**, junior Jovan Dotson prepares for his role as Leaf Coneybear. Dotson wanted his character to be very random and outgoing. "You can't be scared to make choices and be out there," Dotson said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE



SPELLING HER HEART OUT, junior Sophia O'Connell rehearses ways to make her character Leaf Coneybear memorable. "Honestly, I don't really do anything. I just have a lot of fun when I'm in character," O'Connell said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE **HANDS IN THE AIR**, junior Zane Worden practices the choreography at his cohort's rehearsal. Worden's role required him to memorize the spelling for different words. "I practice every night, I'm usually in my room and just say the words quietly to myself," Worden said. PHOTO BY ELLIE VICE



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THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT DOUBLE CASTS THE SPRING MUSICAL

Due to the cohort split, the performing arts department decided to double cast the Spring musical. There were two productions, one for cohort A and one for cohort B.

Junior Jovan Dotson was casted to play speller Leaf Coneybear in the Putnam County Spelling Bee for cohort A.

"I want the audience to remember how goofy I was performing. Leaf has a lot of one-liners, and I want the audience to remember those," Dotson said.

Junior Sophia O'Connell played Coneybear for the cohort B performance. O'Connell was initially sad that the casts would be separated.

"I was a little sad because I thought it would mean I wouldn't see my friends in the other cast, but a disadvantage is that it's hard not to compare ourselves to one another," O'Connell said.

Having two actors playing the same role naturally resulted in different portrayals of each character. **Juniors Andrea Diaz and Trinity Leonard** both casted to play Marcy Park, each brought different vocals to the role.

"I'm a soprano and Andrea is an alto, so it's pretty cool that we can both sing it," Leonard said.

Even though the casts were separated, Diaz often attended cohort B's rehearsals.

"There are two-times as many rehearsals, so if you don't quite get stuff at yours, you can go to the next one and try to get it again," Diaz said.

Cohorts opened up opportunities for actors to build off of each other's performances and portrayals of their roles. **Juniors Vincent Liebchen and Zane Worden** both played Vice Principal Panch. Liebchen turned to outside research to channel his role.

"I tried to approach different principals that you would see in 80's high school movies because that's how I felt Panch was," Liebchen said.

Worden, who also played Vice Principal Panch, felt that the role opened up new creative opportunities.

"We are both creative in our own ways, I think I will choose dumber words in the dictionary and he will choose smarter words," Worden said.

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"Since we don't see each other everyday, it's a way for us to get excited when we actually see each other, and it's just like another way we could bond because I see him playing or whatnot."

SENIOR ROSALIE MESSI



"It's not as difficult as people think, we're still able to see each other and spend time together, and I think it's more authentic outside of school and we get to spend time together doing what we want to."

SENIOR KAI ILELA



"I've taken up baking, so every time he picks me up I always give him a little snack and it makes me feel like those people who work at bakery's and give treats to children who are nice."

SENIOR MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA



"We also used to be part of a lot of clubs throughout our high school journey, but sadly this year we couldn't because of the virus."

SENIOR ALFONSO GALICIA

TIME CRUNCH

BALANCING TIME BETWEEN SCHOOL AND OUTSIDE LIFE

JUNIOR WILLIAM GRANT "I worked at H-Mart. I worked out a schedule with my manager in which I didn't have school. We would fight almost every week because I would tell her about something relating to my school schedule one week, and then it would change and I would be super screwed."

SENIOR MUNDRA TURTOGTOKH "I have house responsibilities such as taking care of my two younger sisters, baby sitting, and picking them up from school. Also, I cook every day, complete house chores, and do laundry every week, etc. There were times where I felt overwhelmed with the house responsibilities on top of going to school."

SENIOR NEVIN NGUYEN "I wanted to work so I could get experience of the outside real world and to make my own money and decisions. How I have balanced school and work would be to finish my work during the class period, then go to work, come home, and if I'm not tired, I'd finish any other schoolwork. It took a while to get used to, but it worked for me."

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