

# Pulled in a new direction

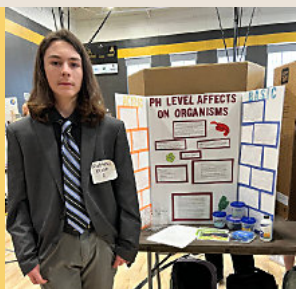
The *Addams Family* production allows students to form unlikely friendships and step out of their comfort zones. Aliya Moore explained, "I didn't think that the relationship between the cast would work because there were a bunch of different types of friend groups coming into the musical, but it all ended up working really nicely. We all had that family/friend dynamic and we all clicked super easily." Joshua Timmins, Grace Parker, and Judah Weir joined the musical for their senior year and stepped out of their element and performed as lead roles. Grace elaborated, "When this musical was announced I knew that I wanted to be a part of it. I didn't even know that Alice was a character at that point but it was definitely the best role for me because she is super fun and super crazy. I was really happy that I could do this before I graduated."



“ Have you ever had a moment where everything clicked, and it felt like you found your place? For me, that was *Addams Family*. It was my first time taking a big responsibility in one of our shows, but I loved every part of the process. It was amazing to watch the cast grow and improve every day. My favorite part, by far, was the lighting design. Matching colors with the mood of a scene, actors' body language, and syncing changes with the music and choreography, was one of the most fun challenges I've ever done. I wouldn't have changed anything that happened. I'm really glad to have gotten that experience, and I'm never going to forget it. **Felix McNeese**



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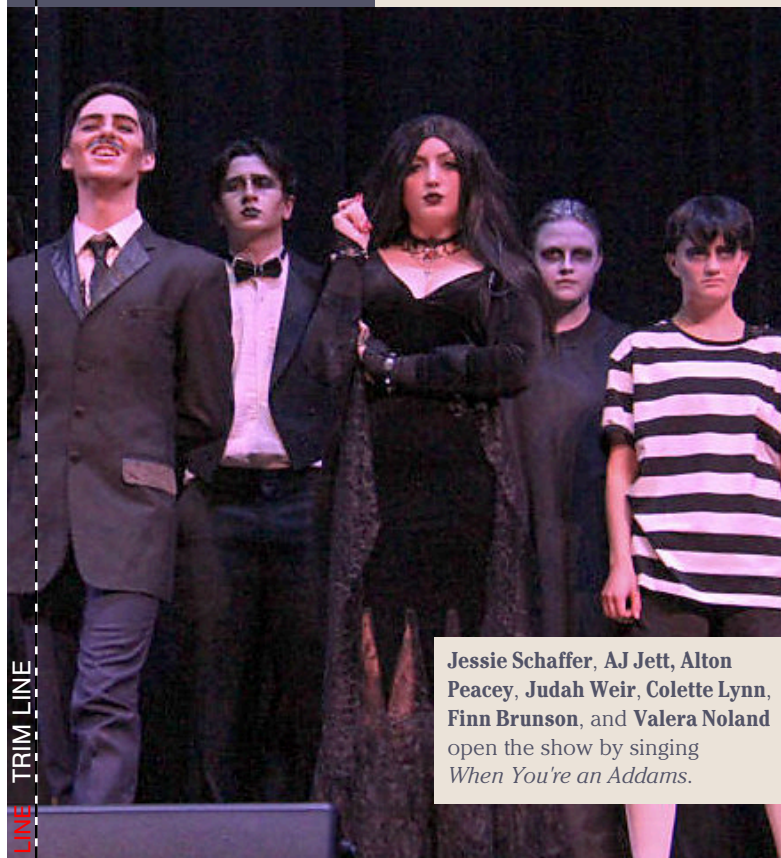
Science Rules. Enthusiastic scientists show off their Science Fair projects. The Science Fair gave students the opportunity to be creative and learn in different ways. "When somebody is able to have the materials to get hands-on interactions and be able to study something they are interested in, then that can help spark imagination," **Matthew Blake** explained. **Sarah Brink** shared that the Science Fair is especially beneficial to student spectators because it "gives future participants an idea of what they will have to do next year."



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Jessie Schaffer, AJ Jett, Alton Peacey, Judah Weir, Colette Lynn, Finn Brunson, and Valera Noland open the show by singing *When You're an Addams*.

# GOT SICK?



The Show Must Go On. When sickness travels through the school the week of the show, the *Addams Family* cast has to adapt. After some cast members came down sick, people had to perform as different characters in the show. At the Friday night show, **Jessie Schaffer** stepped in as Wednesday Addams and shared, "Stepping in for Wednesday was very chaotic and it was a lot of work but it was really fun and I enjoyed it. I couldn't have done it without the help of my cast, especially **Emmy Zerbib**. Emmy was super helpful who showed me where to go and ran my lines with me." **Colette Lynn** also had to change roles and enthusiastically exclaimed, "Stepping in for grandma at the last minute was the absolute best time I've had in years. I loved it to pieces and I wouldn't trade it for anything." Not only did some of the leads have to switch roles, but the ensemble members also had to adapt because of missing cast members. **Macy Palmer** explained, "I had to learn the choreography 20 minutes before the first show. We had a cast member sick so I decided to learn it so that there was no spot missing on stage."



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# Santa's Workshop



Crafty Kids. National Art Honor Society puts together a Christmas themed craft party for elementary students. The little artists crafted artwork to take home. **Jayden Hughes** worked with the kids to make yarn bracelets. **E Fisk** helped the kids make cards. E shared, "I think my favorite part was making crafts with the kids. Working with them was really fun and at the end they had cool little crafts to take home. They definitely enjoyed it and were entertained." Students were able to make connections with the kids through the art allowing for all of the students to have fun. "My favorite part was being with friends and working with the little kids. They behaved really well and we were able to entertain them with all of the arts and crafts," **Natalia Nantista** explained.

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