



ROUNDTABLE

NEWS AND VIEWS FOR AND FROM KNIGHTS

Theatre Club presents Dracula



Zeno Deleon Guerrero (center) will play the lead title character in Mount Carmel School Theatre Club's production of "Dracula". The show is directed by Brianna Hunter (left) and also stars Monica Usi (right) as Lucy Seward, the love interest of Dracula.

Next weekend and just in time for Halloween, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presents its latest production, "Dracula", by Hamilton Deane and John L. Balderston from Bram Stoker's novel. The play is being directed by club veteran and senior Brianna Hunter and stars Zeno Deleon Guerrero, another club veteran and senior, as the lead title character.

Hunter has established herself as one of the leading actresses at the school, having played lead roles in last December's "White Christmas" and in 2014's "The Little Mermaid". This production, however, will be her first time offstage as the director. "As an actor, you're always the one taking direction from the director and their vision about how to tell the story. I finally wanted to be in that position, to see my vision and my story come to life."

Asked about what her vision is, Hunter said, "My vision is how Dracula is about who people become as they endure a horrific process. Likewise, I want the audience to reflect on how they develop when facing similar situations."

Like Hunter, Deleon Guerrero has been active in the Theatre Club for many years, but unlike Hunter, he has mostly stayed backstage as the floor manager for numerous productions. "Dracula" marks his return to the stage as an actor, something he is very excited about. When asked about why he agreed to get back on stage, he said, "It's my senior year, and I didn't want to regret not taking up this opportunity."

Regarding playing such an iconic role, he said, "It's a lot of pressure, especially since my personality is such a polar opposite to Dracula's character. But, it's been fun to tap into my dark side to play this role."

The production also features Monica Usi as Lucy Seward, Dracula's love interest, Jose Castro as John Harker, Lucy's fiancé, and Michael Ortizo as the iconic nemesis of Dracula, Professor Van Helsing. Also featured in the production are Jeff Melchor as Doctor Seward, the father of Lucy, Kelvin Cepeda as Renfield, Jonelle Toskas as Mrs. Wells, and William Minami as Butterworth.

"Dracula" will be performed on Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22, at Charley's Cabaret at Pacific Island's Club. Doors open at 6:30 p. m. and tickets are \$15 for premium seats and \$5 for general admission. Tickets are available at the Mount Carmel School's Business Office. Due to limited seating, advance purchase of tickets is recommended. Due to mature content, adult discretion is advised. "Dracula" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Parental Support for Smarter Thinking

from Dr. Donna Wilson and
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Here are some strategies parents can use at home to reinforce what students are learning in the classroom.

Be the learner that you want your child to be. Learning doesn't stop at graduation. Especially in today's quickly changing world, adults always need to learn new skills on the job and in their personal lives. Underscore the importance of lifelong learning and the many examples of applying executive function in daily life. For example:

"I couldn't figure out this new app on my phone until I sat down this morning and focused all my attention on reading the directions and practicing how to use it."

"There are so many things we could do on our vacation. Let's come up with a systematic plan to compare our options and choose the things we'd most like to do."

Learn out loud. Take advantage of opportunities to model problem solving, planning, and organizational strategies. For example, you might ask, "What does incomprehensible mean? Let's see if we can break it down. Part of the word is comprehend. We know what that means, right? To understand. And in- at the beginning of a word often means 'not,' so this word probably means not understandable. Let's look it up to check and see if we're right!"

Apply classroom learning to life outside of school. A common lament in the classroom is, "Why do I need to learn this? I'll never use it again!" Parents can demonstrate the many ways that academic learning comes in handy in real life -- by working with your child to double the ingredients in a recipe, for example, or to measure a room to figure out how much paint to buy when remodeling.

Plan a trip to the grocery store. A practical way for elementary-age children to develop their planning and organizational skills is to help parents develop and write a grocery shopping list. Enlist their help in taking an inventory of needed groceries, planning meals and identifying the necessary ingredients, sorting through coupons and

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Announcements

Campus Security

ALL VISITORS MUST OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE. This includes parents and guardians. We have witnessed a number of visitors who bypass the main office and go directly to students, which poses a security risk because we have no way of verifying whether or not they are parents, guardians, or family members. This needs to stop for the sake of the safety of our children.

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In the Future

1st Quarter Report Cards

Wednesday, October 19, 5:00 pm

Theatre Club Pizza Night

Wednesday, October 19, starting at 11 am

Theatre Club production of "Dracula"

Friday, October 21 • Saturday, October 22
PIC's Charley's Cabaret
Doors open at 6:30 pm

ESLR of the Week

#5. Appreciate traditions, customs and beliefs of a diverse world-wide community.



Recently, Liberty Plaza and Joeten Enterprises, through the Athlete's Foot, donated items to the school's physical education program. The Athlete's Foot donated water shoes for elementary kids, while Liberty Plaza donated a Baggo play set. On hand to receive the donations were elementary level students, PE teacher Francis San Nicolas, Athletic Director John Blanco, and School Principal Frances Taimano.

Parental Support

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figuring how much savings they will offer, and making an efficient list by organizing all the items in order of the path you will take through the store.

Organize a space and time for studying and reading at home. With your child, find and

furnish a well-lit, comfortable study nook that is free from distractions. Set aside a quiet time after school or in the evening for homework and reading. Make a habit of reading with younger children, and let older children see you enjoy reading on your own.

Predict what happens next. Predicting what will happen next in a story employs key aspects of executive function, as we think about how the plot is organized and what clues are available that suggest where the story is going. When reading with children, stop and ask them what they think will happen next. When you're watching TV together, mute the sound during commercials and encourage children to predict the next scene or conclusion of the program.

By practicing smarter thinking with their children, parents may well discover how learning remains a positive experience at any stage of life.

Sports Calendar

All Schools Cross Country

TOMORROW,

Saturday, October 15, 7 am, Civic Center

Saturday, October 22, 4 pm, Airport Field

Saturday, November 5, 3 pm, Airport Field

CCOPSA High School Volleyball

Tuesday, October 25

MCS2 Girls vs GCA Girls @GCA at 3:30

MCS1 Girls vs SIS1 Girls @MCS at 4:30

Wednesday, October 26

MCS Boys vs SIS1 Boys @MCS at 3:30

Thursday, October 21

MCS1 Girls vs GCA Girls @GCA at 4:30

MCS2 Girls vs Agape @MCS at 4:30

