

Fiddler on the Roof Week 1 Address

Well, time to begin. I realize I've already stated what I'm about to say, but its worth repeating. Thank you once more for your maturity and appropriate demeanor in responding to the posting of the cast list for the show. Nicely handled, group. What difference does it make? Well, the river of sentiment that circulates through any given production's cast has vast ripple effects on the surrounding terrain. Your positive energy will play off of and feed itself to positively affect everyone involved in this process. It happens, and you realize when it's happening.

Our rehearsal schedule for the week is fairly light. That was done to minimize the impact of rehearsal time on our juniors who will be testing three days this week. Having said that, we still have quite a bit to accomplish. Production department assignments will be given out at the start of rehearsal tomorrow. Additionally, I will post the breakdown on the call board tomorrow morning. Bottom line: please be sure to see if you have been assigned as the leader of a department. If you are selected to be a department leader, we ask that you attend our brief PD leader meeting tomorrow from 4:30-5pm.

Gentlemen, good news. Most of you are being given the chance to test your beard-growing abilities! We are mandating that every male cast member (unless told otherwise this week) is to *stop shaving facial hair immediately* and must also *not cut his hair*. Why? You should know why. We need traditional Jewish appearances. A few of you may be given fake beards, but you won't know who you are until late this week or early next week. However, the majority of you will be asked to simply grow things out naturally. Natural beard are VASTLY more preferable than fake beards. Why? Fake beards generally look fake. No shaving. No haircuts. Alright, enough said.



Weird.

Last few items. If you have not yet been measured by the costume moms, we will try to get you taken care of on Thursday or Friday of this week. Bottom line, we need to take care of it, so be pro-active and make sure you make it clear to us that you have not yet been measured. Get plenty of rest this week, and good luck to our juniors. Sophomores and freshmen, your time is coming! Seniors, enjoy what you have left of your time with each other, your theatre program, and WBHS. You're extremely close to the end, and at this point, it goes *REALLY, REALLY* quickly! See everyone tomorrow!

- Greene

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK: *Tevye: "A fiddler on the roof. Sounds crazy, no? But here, in our little village of Anatevka, you might say every one of us is a fiddler on the roof trying to scratch out a pleasant, simple tune without breaking his neck. It isn't easy. You may ask 'Why do we stay up there if it's so dangerous?' Well, we stay because Anatevka is our home. And how do we keep our balance? That I can tell you in one word: tradition!" - Joseph Stein*

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK: What traditions are important within your own family, circle of friends, neighborhood, community, and school? How do these traditions serve to offer you balance, perspective, and an ability to frame situations that you must deal with in your life? Are there long-standing traditions in your life that seem to be changing? If so, how will these changes affect you? Are traditions important? Why or why not?