

## *Fiddler on the Roof* Week 8 Address

Well, here we are... hell week. It's amazing to witness just how quickly life passes. By week's end, we'll formally say goodbye to this production. It just seven short weeks you've managed to put together an amazingly strong show. This week, we'll complete our process of integration with tech and the pit, and then we'll savor the experience of presenting our story to audiences. Thank you for all of the sacrifices, dedication, and enthusiasm you have shown over the past several weeks. Your efforts will pay off in the end.

There are a couple of things to keep in mind as we enter the final stages of our rehearsal process. First off, budget your time wisely. There is downtime during rehearsal periods. Please use these moments to stay current with school work. Also, please work to stay healthy and hydrated. To that end, **BRING IN WATER BOTTLES** for use throughout this week. Our water cooler has been positioned in the dressing room hallways and will remain there for the duration of our remaining rehearsals and performances. Additionally, please continue to be mindful of our young guest actors, and maintain appropriate behavior and conversation when in their presence. Please be courteous when interacting with the members of our technical crew and pit orchestra members as well. Although we haven't spent as much time with them as we have with each other, they have also been in the building, working diligently over the past several weeks with the same goal in mind- to prepare an amazing performance for our audiences.

Please remember to **BRING IN A SNACK TO EAT FOR AFTER SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY**. We DO NOT have a dinner break that day so that we can get out of rehearsal earlier that night. It will be a long stretch, so please have something to eat before we begin our work on that day. In addition, please be diligent in getting downstairs to change, being in place for mic checks, and returning on-time from dinner breaks. Our schedule is extremely tight as is this week. We cannot afford to lose time waiting for cast members who are lax in getting ready. Please remember to also bring in all necessary, remaining costume items on Monday. And, gentlemen, **NO WHITE SOCKS ONSTAGE!** Also, please remember that strike will take place on Mon, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-5pm. All *high school* cast members are required to participate in strike. Failure to attend strike may affect your ability to participate in future productions.

I would like to take a minute to thank all of the adult staff members and parent volunteers who have worked so very hard on this production. I am extremely indebted to each of you. Show after show, our adult staff members and parent volunteers sacrifice vast portions of their personal time for your benefit. I would ask that each of our cast members show them how much you appreciate all that they do for you. Please thank them when you see them this week! I would also like to thank and ask that you also show your gratitude for the countless hours and vast amount of work that our student production staff has done on your behalf. Our student directors and student producer have been working on this show since January. They arrive at rehearsal before you are present, they stay past the time when you leave, and they do not receive direct recognition of their efforts from audiences. Please show them how much you appreciate the vast amount of work they have done on your behalf.

In just one week, this entire process will be a part of our collective past experiences. Each show provides me with an amazingly unique and priceless set of memories. I've had a wonderful time getting to know our program's newest members. I've also enjoyed spending the past several weeks with our seniors who will soon be on their way to the next chapter of their lives. Seniors, there will be a few more department functions, social gatherings, and opportunities for the group to interact, but this weekend's performances signal the end of our formal time together. Thank you for spending the past four years in theatre. I've enjoyed every minute we've had together. Well, okay, not *every single minute* but most of them anyway! Truly, you'll each be greatly missed. Thank you for the memories and best wishes.

- Greene

And, yes, one more reminder for tickets! Online ticket sales will end this evening at midnight. If you still have family members, friends, or others who wish to purchase tickets in advance, **TIME IS NEARLY OUT!** Click the link below to make any final online ticket purchase.

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** *Tevye: "Traditions, traditions. Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as... as... as a fiddler on the roof!" - Joseph Stein*

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:** For our final week together, I'll draw your attention back to the start of our process. Consider the traditions that bind our organization together. Why are they important to you? What value do they add to your overall experience within the greater population of WBHS? It's true, we exist in difficult times. However, our traditions serve to carry us through such periods. Maintain the traditions you value. They can help to ground you in times of uncertainty.