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Dear Parents and Shakespeare Students,

Shakespeare's Greatest Hits 25 will be getting underway in January this year. We are excited to be up and rolling again for 2025! I hope that you are all looking forward to it as much as we are! January 6th & 7th will be auditions (3:45 PM to 8:45 PM both days), and we look forward to seeing all of you on both days!

Please carefully review the enclosed information and complete your *Student Information Sheet*. Be sure to attach a recent photo (one that will not need to be returned). Mr. Leebrick prefers a headshot if possible. We ask that you keep the photo size to a 4x6 or smaller. (Returning students need to send in an updated photo as well!) Please mail your information sheet, consent form, deposit, and photo to Joanne Applegate (at the above address) at your earliest possible convenience. We really do need to get all the information by actual mail.

After your enrollment papers are received, they will be forwarded to Mr. Leebrick so that he will be prepared to meet each of you on January 6th. As stated in the enclosed information, the deposit of \$100 should be sent in immediately with registration to hold your place, while the balance of \$100 must be paid on the first day of auditions. **Please make your checks out to Shakespeare's Greatest Hits.**

Due to a potential waiting list, it is important that you submit your paperwork and deposit as soon as possible. This year we anticipate a possible overflow of registration requests. We truly hope to accommodate everyone but it simply may not be possible. We may have to make final selections based on casting needs, ratio of boys/girls, etc. We will be able to provide final registration confirmation at least one week before class begins, and deposits will be returned if we are unable to host you in this year's program.

We are pleased to be returning to the auditorium of the *Chesterton Academy of the Willamette Valley* in Mt. Angel for our practices and productions this year, after a successful inaugural run in 2024. It is near Woodburn, just east of I-5. The address is 900 S. Main St. Mt. Angel, OR 97362.

Mr. Leebrick has chosen *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Richard III* as our plays this year.* He requests that your audition monologue be selected from one of these plays. Please pick a 1-3 minute monologue, which you will enjoy memorizing, practicing, and then performing at auditions. Mr. Leebrick prefers that you pick a monologue of a character that you would be interested in playing. To do your best with your chosen speech (and to understand it in context), you should become familiar with the entire play. Before the auditions, please read the entire play, or a good synopsis, or watch a video if one is available (the BBC versions are usually good ones, and are available online and through most libraries.)

As returning families know, there is much to do to make this program happen! During audition week and right after, parents will have the opportunity to volunteer to help in one of the areas noted in the information. Parents may certainly inform me ahead of time if they have an area where they are particularly interested in volunteering.

I believe the information and schedule will answer most of your questions, but please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you need additional information. While I will do my best to respond the same day, I would request understanding that it may be 1-2 days to get back to you in certain circumstances.

For more information regarding SGH—as well as photos from past shows, please visit the Shakespeare's Greatest Hits page on Mr. Leebrick's website www.allgoodstories.com.

Blessings,
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**Depending on enrollment turnout and other casting factors, Mr. Leebrick reserves the right to substitute different Shakespeare plays if necessary.*
