



## Who Needs Broadway When You have BMS Theatre Arts?

By Isabel Carleton and Alina Lacki

What once was a big thing on Broadway, has hit the Bexley Middle School! This year's middle school musical is *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This show is about Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob who gets sold by his brothers to a wealthy man and how he saves Egypt from famine. From country line dancing to Jamaican palm trees, this show has it all!

"It's a perfect show for middle school...and it involves a lot of people because the chorus is a big deal," says Mrs. White. As the vocal director for the shows, she has been working with Bexley Theatre arts for quite some time now. "What I really like about Bexley here, when I was here teaching and now working on the musical, is that I can get to know people when they're in sixth and seventh grade and come back to watch them



when they're like a senior, and that's pretty cool," she explained.

The show's auditions were back in October, and the show is being performed during the first three days of February, the cast has practicing and practicing. Alissa Shyshkova, who plays the baker in the show, has always enjoyed theatre and is very excited to be a part of the school musical. "I love that the production is so upbeat and snazzy and everybody really [has] to be sassy in it," she states.



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## A New Addition to Bexley Middle School Activity Period

By Adam Keels

As Bexley Middle School students get to enjoy the new Cassingham playground during activity period, and the many games that can be played on them, here are some of what BMS students think of the switch from the field to the playground.

Students seem to like the switch so far, “I like all the different choices and the variety of things you can do with your friends.” Grace tells us. It seemed most students had the same opinion about the playground. “I do,” Maya agrees. At the new playground, there is also a lot of new equipment for students to enjoy. “I like the weird circle ball thing.” Grace says when I ask her about the equipment, “I’m not really sure what my fa-

vorite piece of equipment is,” Jackson says, “Maybe the teeter totter.”

“I don’t really have a preference.” Grace says, when she is asked about how she liked the field, what students used to play on before the switch, compared to the new Cassingham playground, although most of the students said they thought there was a lot more options and things to do on the new playground “I thought it was boring, because there’s not much to do.” Jackson agrees.

Although as winter comes in, and the snowy days cause more indoor recesses, most students seem to believe the new Cassingham playground is a great and enjoyable way to spend their activity period.



# What Happens After the Last Bell Rings

By Maia Nelson



When the bell rings at the end of the school day, students rush out of their classrooms to get their stuff and go home. But what happens afterward? When students get home, they might go to sports or dance lessons. Or perhaps they practice singing with friends or go to practice for the school musical. Interviewing multiple students on how the rest of their day goes after school helped to find the answers.

Grace Jones told me, "After school I used to play field hockey, now I either do my homework, babysit, or hang out with my friends at the Casingham playground." Jillian Savage talked about her after school activities, "I dance at BalletMet, I do a lot of musicals at Community Theatres, and I like to hang out with my friends after school." Another student, Adam Keels, told me, "I draw, it

gives me something to do."

Although the true answers of what actually happened after school were revealed, knowing more about how it affected student's lives was important, too. Some of the kids that were interviewed told of that exactly. Jillian said, "It's hard to fit everything into one schedule." She is very busy afterschool, like many other students here at BMS. Grace said, "I try to get my homework done at school usually." Which makes sense because we don't want homework to take up our time to have fun and relax to get prepared for another school day.

We all know how difficult being a student can be when you are busy afterschool, but if you stick with it and balance it with school, you can become a very successful and happy adult.

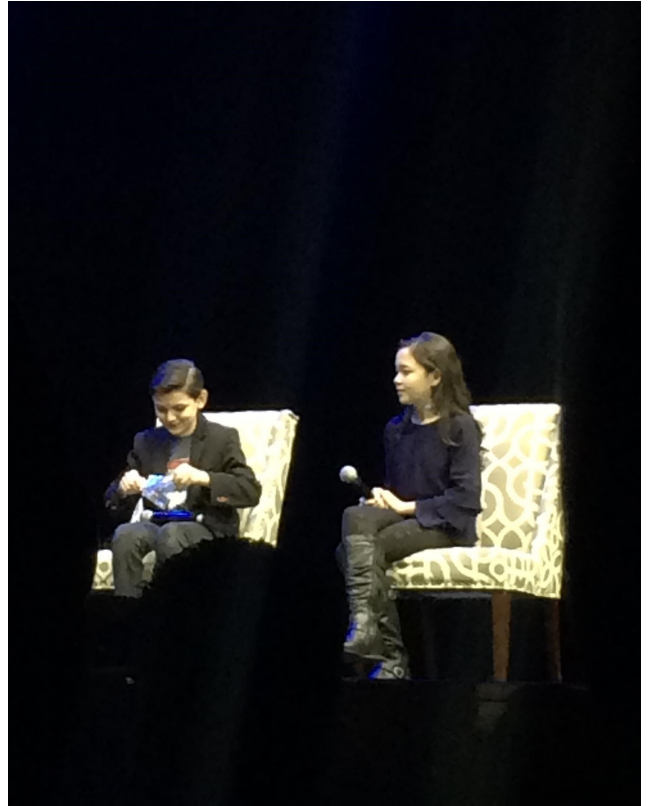
## From Script to Stage with Columbus Children's Theater

By Jillian Savage

The cast list is posted, rehearsals begin, and an amazing production is brought to life on stage! There are many theatre companies in Ohio. One of them includes Columbus Children's Theatre. They offer classes, performances, and great opportunities for talented young performers. One of these opportunities is going to the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Georgia. There, students will get to perform in front of professional adjudicators who will give them advice, compliments, and critiques. It is an amazing opportunity for young theatre actors all over the globe.

This year there were attendees from a few countries including Australia! Over 1,000 attended the festival this year. Many well known people in the theatre world were there to perform on the main stage! This year Luca Padovan, Isabella Russo, Stephan Schwartz, Paul Williams, and Katie Gerahy all attended!

Columbus Children's Theatre won an award for an excellent ensemble in Shrek jr. Many awards were



given for music, dance, acting, directing, and individual awards as well.

Columbus Children's Theatre hopes to return next year for another JTF experience!

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Alissa also mentioned how fun and including the cast is. "I love that I feel I can just be myself when I'm around everyone, they're all so nice and they help make the musical good."

When it comes to theatre, this show has it all! With its catchy songs and clever characters, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is something you have to see.

As Alissa says, "The musical's interesting, it's all colorful and everyone in the cast will make it good for everyone that comes to see the show."