

I am Marisa Leadbetter. I will be entering my Junior year of high school this next 2020-21 school year. I have been a part of the Drama Club for 4 years now, starting from 7th grade. I have been a part of 10 shows (counting "Clue") and have also been involved with the Improv Club my first two years of high school. I have worked both on stage and backstage, while learning to multitask doing both at the same time. I also received my varsity letter through drama my freshman year of high school. The Drama Club has had a big impact on me and has led me to find the place I love the most. Over time, I have made many friends through the Drama Club and learned what it takes to create something through hard work. I would like to become the Sergeant at Arms for the Drama Club, so I can give people the same experience I had and create a safe and fun place that the students can feel comfortable in.

One thing I would do as Sergeant at Arms is try to find new warm-up games to play. I don't want us to play the same games over and over and want to keep the games fresh for long time drama kids. That way, they can learn new games too!

I would encourage people to join the Drama Club by asking other members of the Drama Club to bring friends in for the informational meetings at the beginning of the year. I would also get people to join by appealing to their interests. If there's someone you know who is very artistic, see if they would be interested in props or light design. Maybe you know someone who plays an instrument and is very passionate about it? See if they would like to join Pit. As always, posting about shows and bonding events is a great way to let people know about upcoming events.

For Spirit days, I would like to keep up the trend of having PJ day on Mondays, Blackout on Wednesdays (or the day before opening), dress to the nines on Thursdays (or the day of opening, show shirt/swag on Fridays and that leaves one day on Tuesday to have a show themed spirit day.

When planning bonding events, I think it would be good to get people's opinion on what activities they would like to do and what activities they liked in the past. A simple online survey through Google Forms with a list of options for the year and any other suggestions, is enough to get an idea on what the other members of the club would like to do. The survey would be sent out at the beginning of the year, to plan for the rest of the year. I would also like to involve more show-based bonding events. For example, a "Little Shop of Horrors" bonding event was to paint flower pots and plant a plant. I thought it was a very cute idea that matched the theme of the show well.

During tech week and tech weekend, I want to make sure everyone is being healthy and considerate, so I will continue to make the Tech Week Survival Guide. I would also like to continue the trend of the Complement Wall in the back hall, and will be the one setting it up and getting the materials like sticky notes, markers, ect. But will also be accepting sticky note donations. As Sergeant at Arms, I think it would be good to just check in on every crew every couple of days to make sure they are doing okay. Tech week can be a very stressful time for the techies and I think it's important if they knew they had a fellow peer looking out for them, keeping their morale up. Just a simple check up on the crews throughout the week, will hopefully help make a difference.

Overall, I think our previous Sergeant at Arms did a great job this year and would like to keep up the hard work she put into it. I would do the same and work hard to create a fun environment for all of the members of our Drama Club.