

I am Emma Ockerman and I will be a senior next year. I have been in the drama club for two years and have been in all six shows (Sherwood, 3D, Tarzan, Little Mermaid, Romeo and Juliet, and Footloose) that we have done as both cast and crew! I have been in the ensemble for most shows, have served on the hair and makeup crews, and been the Head of Hair for Romeo and Juliet. I would love to be Sergeant at Arms because it allows me to help create a safe and welcoming environment to everyone who is joining or returning to the club. To me this position means that I get to make the club a safe space as the past sergeants did for me and many others, I would be honored to continue the legacy. I have always loved planning and hosting events because of the community they both create. I am an organized person that has a love of bringing people together and creating an environment that is inclusive to everyone. I want to be Sergeant at Arms because I have seen how much this position impacts the club and I love meeting new people and making sure they feel included. I am an organized person that will have everything ready on time and be ready to adjust if something changes at the last minute.

Sergeant at Arms is about more than just leading bonding events and warm up games, it is about being there for the club whether we are celebrating or struggling. The Sergeant at Arms should be there to support the club and be there to cheer everyone on. I will be there for anyone who needs a shoulder to cry on or a friend to celebrate with. I want to celebrate the little wins that everyone has that might go unnoticed by the majority. I want to make everyone in this club feel seen and like they matter, because they do.

As Sergeant at Arms I plan to continue the mini competitions that were added to show week this year and add a new competition. I hope to turn spirit week into a team competition/bonding activity to encourage participation and help people meet others through their teams. Creating teams in spirit week allows for a wider variety of themes such as awkward family photos or decades day where each group can choose their decade. Having spirit week in teams exemplifies how much of a team effort everything we do in drama is and allows for further bonding among the groups. Each team will create a team name and earn points throughout the week for participation, group coordination, and bonus points for extravagant outfits. There will be prizes for every group at the end ranging from baked goods and Starbucks gift cards for the winners to candy for the majority!

I would love to throw another party next year similar to the prom that we held this year. The prom was one of my favorite bonding events and I am sure the sentiment is shared that this is something we would love to have again. I would continue tech weekend breakfast either at the Riverview or having donuts before rehearsal to welcome people who cannot arrive to the Riverview so early in the morning (maybe we'll do both).

I would be honored if you allowed me to make this position and my ideas come to life for the 2022-23 school year. I hope you choose me to be the person to help create lasting memories and friendships that never end. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.