

Transcript of October 6, 2023 Video Message:

Dr. Skertich: Hello Kahok Nation. I'm superintendent Brad Skertich and today we are in the fine arts building at Collinsville High School.

Shortly, we are going to meet the drama club executive board and hear about their upcoming performances, and see a little sneak-peek of their costumes from Night of the Living Dead.

First and foremost, I want to remind everyone that our Kahoks Connect facilitating committee has established October 17, 18 and 19 for facility tours around our district. Please come out, take a tour of our facilities, hear about our critical needs, and also give us your opinion and feedback. We want to hear your voices.

Second, it's only the beginning of October, but I want to remind everyone as the end of October quickly approaches, please be on the lookout for parent/teacher conference information. It is important that you come and interact with your student's teachers and hear how they are progressing - both academically and emotionally in the week's ahead.

And last, before we meet our drama club executive board, I want to ask everyone to look for some information on a friendly campaign between the Collinsville school district and the Edwardsville School District to benefit the United Way.

Our student voices are extremely important throughout our district. And now I want to introduce Dustin Taylor, our drama club president, to tell you about the drama club and what is going on currently.

Dustin Taylor: Thank you, Dr. Skertich. As a member of the drama club, our students work as hard as they can to provide an amazing show experience for our Kahoks. Whether it be Monday through Thursday, 3 to 8 every night, we work as hard as we can doing fighting choreography, dance workshops, or acting, singing or crew work. Our Kahoks work as hard as we can so that we can put on a show as best we can. For our upcoming season, this season is going to kill!

Paulie Schrieber: Hi, I'm Paulie Schreiber and I'm the PR officer for the drama club, and I'm also the props mistress for the drama club.

So...one thing that most people don't see is how much effort our crew members put into the shows. For Night of the Living Dead, alone, we had a group of kids build a full-blown window that people can safely jump through, and fall through...in a day. It just shows how much we care about each other and how much time we put into everything we do.

We're especially putting a lot of ourselves into Night of the Living Dead right now, because we're trying to take it to Theatre Fest - which if you didn't know, Theatre Fest is basically a...um...festival where all of the Thespians come together and they watch shows and support

each other. So that would be a huge opportunity for us to get our name out and also... I mean...just be around people who enjoy this as much as we do.

Another one of the things that people don't see is how much we put into our makeup. We have zombies that have latex all over their faces - and they look extremely good. We've had someone say our zombies, honestly, might even be better than some movies they've seen. So it just shows how much effort we put into our shows and all that we do.

Quenby Wilson: I'm Quenby Wilson, the drama club vice president. And I'm here today to tell you about my personal experiences with drama club.

When I started four years ago, I was very shy and reserved, but after honing my skills, I was able to build my confidence. This club has just done so much for me, and it's done a lot for others, too. Thank you.

Katelyn Berger: Hi. My name is Katelyn Berger and I'm the treasurer of the drama club. This upcoming show *She Kills Monsters* is a really important show that we're performing. It's all about dealing with grief dealing with your sexuality, and it's just a beautiful show that encompasses a lot of things that some of the teens now are facing. And I'm really excited to show everyone what we've got and put on the show.

Lorelei Brown: I'm Lorelei Brown. I'm the secretary. I'm also the student director and co-stage manager for *She Kills Monsters*. Our cast and crew are working day and night - all the time - to get this show ready for everyone to watch. Right now they're working on fight choreography, behind us, which is so cool.

Um...our crew is building sets, our cast is memorizing lines, our understudies are learning everything that the cast has to do. We're all just working really hard to bring the show to you.

Dr. Skertich: As a reminder, there is no school on Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

We encourage everyone to come out this coming week and support the drama club as they perform *Night of the Living Dead*.

Last, we appreciate your constant dedication to our students. Don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride. And be on the lookout for zombies in the area. `