

MAD PHYSICIST

LIONS AT PLAY

Seniors bond with lower schoolers by playing games on the playground



GIANTS Ready to field a ground ball, senior Tim O'Meara (top) plays ball with the lower schoolers. Reaching for a frisbee, senior Alden James (above left) protects his younger friends. Enjoying time together, senior Noah Koecher (above right) and lower schoolers share a laugh before the school day begins.

SECRETS OF THE SCENE

Senior Avery Powell and junior Audrey Black (right, top) from *Hockaday* act out a scene from the fall play. Many of the feminine characters were played by *Hockaday* students. Showing hints of madness, seniors Aidan Maurstad and Avery Powell (right) portray the struggles of secrecy.

With three showings, the fall play, *The Physicist*, started off the fine arts performance year with a bang.

Mobius. That's who I was. And that's who I would be, for the week before productions. In philosophy class, Ms. Van Drie told me that I was acting weird. I would squirm in my seat, partially the genius that pretended to be insane, partially Avery, inadvertently ignoring and being rude to people.

There were some difficulties, like my whole monologue on the planets and King Solomon of Biblical fame, but when I was able to get in character after launching a book across stage, I felt crazy. And that felt great.

The day of the play, I was nervous, but it felt more like a determination to follow the steps instead of a fear of humiliating myself in front of the whole school. We practiced so much for the play that it was impossible to not feel confident those nights. It took six weeks of memorizing lines and rehearsing scenes every day, practicing the whole thing from the top to focusing on a few crucial scenes. The time we invested definitely paid off.

It's always bittersweet. For a sport, it's different since there's always next season where you come back and it's still the same sport. But for *The Physicist*, at the end of the production weekend while we were taking the set down, I got this feeling that was like: "That was *The Physicist*, and you'll never do it again."

— AVERY POWELL as told to ALAN JIANG



LIGHTS Acting a scene in *The Physicists*, senior Will Clark and junior Gray Wood play their parts in the Black Box Theater. The play had three showings over a weekend. Winter and spring productions are also produced during the course of the school year.

trick or treat

The Community Service Board follows Halloween up with a candy drive, only one week after the holiday.

SWEET Assorting one of the many boxes of candy, junior Eddie Yang places candy in plastic bags. The Community Service Board collected candy before school for one week after Halloween.



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OF CANDY
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