



May 21, 2010

**GRADE 12 SHAW FESTIVAL**  
**Tuesday, October 5<sup>TH</sup> – Friday, October 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again we are planning the Grade 12 classical repertory theatre trip scheduled for this fall, 2010. This year we will be attending the Shaw Festival in the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. We will leave Elmwood at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5 and return to the school at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8. Please note that the day we return is a scheduled holiday as it marks the beginning of the Thanksgiving weekend. This trip is a lovely opportunity to visit one of Canada's leading repertory theatre companies and is considered a highlight by the students in their senior year. We will be staying at the Quality Hotel in nearby St. Catharines; we plan to see six plays and musicals that will complement and enrich the Senior English and Theatre Arts Programs taught at Elmwood.

The following is our planned schedule. Student block bookings have been made for the shows. Morning activities could change, depending on availability and special circumstances:

**Tuesday, October 5**                      **Morning:** Depart Elmwood for Stratford (6:00 a.m.)  
**Matinee:** *One Touch of Venus (musical)* by **Kurt Weill, Ogden Nash, S. J. Perelman**  
**Post-Matinee:** 'Post Show Chat'  
**Evening:** *John Bull's Other Island* by **Bernard Shaw**

**Wednesday, October 6**                      **Morning:** Backstage Tour  
**Matinee:** *The Women* by **Clare Booth Luce**  
**Evening:** *Harvey* by **Mary Chase**

**Thursday, October 7**                      **Morning:** Theatre Workshop (TBA)  
**Matinee:** *The Doctor's Dilemma* by **Bernard Shaw**  
**Evening:** *An Ideal Husband* by **Oscar Wilde**

**Friday, October 8**                      **Morning:** Depart 9:00 a.m.  
**Afternoon:** Arrive Elmwood approximately 5:00 p.m.

Deposits have already been made for hotel accommodation and theatre tickets. The charge per student is \$628.00 that includes **bus transportation, hotel accommodation (3 nights) with three deluxe buffet breakfasts (Quality Hotel), theatre tickets for six shows, two workshops and a backstage tour of the Festival Theatre**

ALL STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR THE STRATFORD TRIP MUST MEET DURING SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS, EITHER ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 OR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010. DURING ONE OF THOSE TWO MEETINGS A FINAL BRIEFING WILL TAKE PLACE AND A ROOMING LIST WILL BE ALLOCATED.

**Please sign and return the following two documents by Friday, June 4, 2010.**

- 1. Overnight Trip Form**
- 2. Conduct Requirement Contract**

Apart from the buffet breakfasts October 6 – 8, meals are NOT included in the price of the trip. We suggest the students bring a packed lunch for the bus trip to the Shaw Festival, and that each student budget approximately \$40.00 a day for food.

Uniforms are not required. Students should bring appropriate clothing for all weather, including rain gear.

Sincerely,

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