

Dated 3.16.20

Dear Into the Woods Cast, Crew, Parents and Production Team,

We have been closely monitoring the continuing developments with COVID-19. Last night, the CDC made new recommendations about gatherings of 50 people or more. These new guidelines give us no choice but to move Into the Woods to the latest possible date. Based on the information we have at this time, we have tentative approval for a semi-staged, fully costumed concert version of the production on on the weekend of May 15th. We will likely do two performances to accommodate the Blue and Green casts on Friday and Sunday. We cannot perform on Saturday May 16th due to a conflict. I use the words "semi-staged" loosely because the show is essentially on its feet now. However we will not have the use of the rented set pieces or props from 3 D Theatricals. We are in discussion with them at this time about returning the set and props before April 1<sup>st</sup>. I can assure you that the entire production team will collaborate to creatively showcase the outstanding performers and provide to the best of our ability the opportunity for the show to still "go on" in some fashion.

If however, the situation changes, this "Plan B" may have to change to a "Plan C." We must be prepared for this possibility.

I fully realize that this news may be disappointing to students and that the rescheduling may create other conflicts. I assure you that we will work through this together. I also know that this announcement will raise other questions. Please be patient as the Performing Arts Department and Talon Theatre staff work through the details. We will keep you updated on a regular basis. I ask that you refer to the Performing Arts website and that students continue to monitor Into the Woods Microsoft Teams for updates. I will be in communication about a revised rehearsal process and schedule.

Little could we have imagined just how much strength our "Season of Courage" would ask of us. With the help of the Holy Spirit and by the grace of God, I know that our Talon Theatre family will continue to have the courage and resilience to face and overcome these challenges.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Stay healthy.

Mrs. Barth