

Their time to shine

Students show off their talents

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Students spent their time participating in many activities ranging from sports to academics. Somewhere in the spectrum between these two lied the fine arts, in which both thespians and instrumentalists shined.

First was "Twelfth Night," written by William Shakespeare and directed by Mr. John Whapham. In this play, students got the chance to take a classic Elizabethan play and modernize it into a funky 60's/70's styled rendition.

"'Twelfth Night' and Aves Theater are like a fish in water. They go perfectly together," said Susan Dicken, 10.

Although the show remained in Shakespearean dialogue, many students understood and loved the show.

"I was hesitant walking into it because Shakespeare is hard to understand, but I thought the actors were amazing. It was probably one of my favorite high school plays so far," said Vladlen Podolsky, 10.

Along with Aves Theater, the band and orchestra took their moments in the spotlight during Pancake Day. Pancake Day was devoted to the arts where

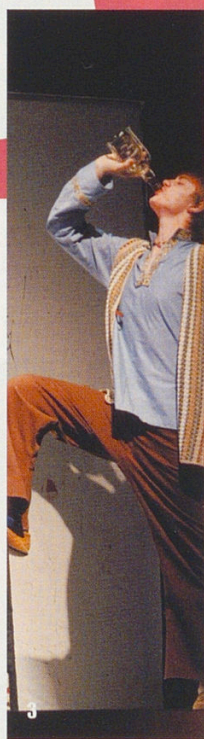
pancakes were sold as a fund-raiser for the Sycamore Band and Orchestra Boosters. Art, ranging from photography to fashion design, by students of all grades levels was on display in the District Art Show. Background music was performed by all of the bands and orchestras in the district which added to the overall atmosphere. For many of the performers, this was the favorite show of the year.

"I really like Pancake Day; it's a relaxed way to hear us perform, and it's one of the least stressful concerts to play," said Kimberly DeLong, 11.

"I love performing with the Jazz Band in this concert. The audience gets into the music and we get to eat. My mom even won a basket," said Joseph Duran, 10.

Pancake Day was one of the biggest fund-raisers for the Boosters, raising \$10,000. This money went to new uniforms, instruments, trips, and other expenses throughout the school year.

Whether it was acting in the school play or playing in a concert, these fine arts students proved their fine talents.



1. "'Twelfth Night' has been a great experience and unlike any other play I've participated in. It's about time we finally featured a Shakespeare play," said Corey Gross, 12. 2. "Shakespeare is a challenge, but it's really rewarding. Plus, there's nothing like the rush you get when you step onto the stage with all eyes on you. I wouldn't trade it for the world," said Hilary Fingerman, 12. 3. "I've never acted drunk on stage before but I guess there's always a first time for everything. I guess it was fun to be a hippie too. Rock on, man!" said William Kiley, 10.

