

## Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club was a fairly new club, started in May of 2006 by **Corey Gross, 12**, and it rapidly gained popularity by the student body. Shakespeare Club was not just about reading the plays; this club discussed, watched, and even acted them out in costumes.

Each year Shakespeare Club decided on certain pieces they would read during the year. Shakespeare Club has covered works such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Tempest*, and *Antony and Cleopatra*.

"We started Shakespeare Club because we think there are more people that like Shakespeare than they know!" said **Gross**.

Shakespeare Club was open to all and was a great experience. Their performances were open to anyone who wanted to watch, and after scheduling a performance the club hoped to make their public debut in the spring.



**Corey Gross, 12**, and **Caroline Ibbotson, 12**, act out Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with club sponsor **Mrs. Judy Klefas**. The club was delighted when bringing Shakespeare's words alive through costume and voice. Although small, the group was able to honor the magnificent work of the world's greatest playwright.

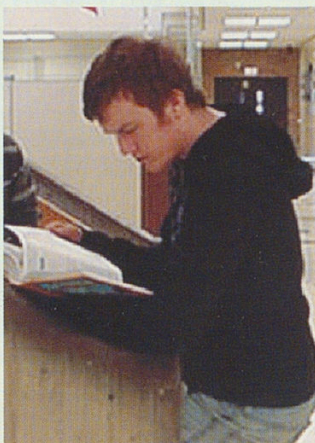
## Philosophy Club

Philosophy club was a new addition to the club scene, started by **Joseph Talmage, 12**.

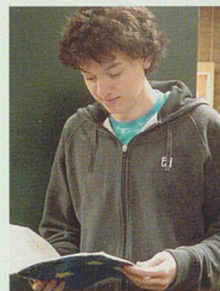
"Even though it was short lived, the club accomplished two good things: The effects carried over the summer into this school year, it was a positive influence in people's lives," said **Talmage**.

Philosophy Club was an open discussion club, where students met and were free to express their thoughts and ideas regarding current events whether it was on race, religion, or cultures. There were no restraints. Philosophy club was also beneficial for students who were looking to be informed on new ideas regarding technology, education and the society. It was a place where students could voice their thoughts about philosophy in general, there was no specific topic which the club followed.

Philosophy Club met every other Tuesday and also watched films relating to the subject matter at hand. The goal for the students was to take what they knew and form their own philosophy. Snack and drinks were always present, and all were welcome.



## What did you say?

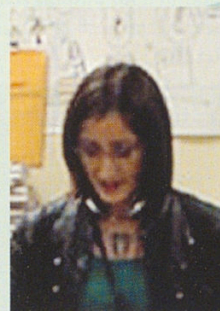
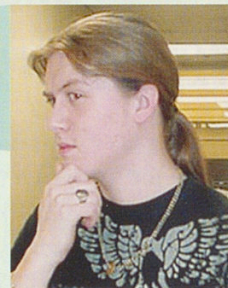


"I think it's a relief to read something that's just for fun and not always for school to be tested on."

-**David Harmon, 12**

"Through the soul comes a harmony of words that sing, an orchestra upon a sheet of paper. My words are my music notes."

-**Matthew Weller, 11**



"Writing is the greatest form of escapism. You can escape to whatever world you want, meet whomever you want, and the best part is that no one can stop you."

-**Gabrielle Biordi, 11**

"We read and act out Shakespeare in goofy costumes. That's what makes the acting part fun!"

-**Caroline Ibbotson, 10**



"I like Book Club because it's cool that some kids can sit around and talk about controversial books and issues outside of class!"

-**Christy Miller, 11**