

Summer Extra Credit Opportunity

Incoming Shakespeare Scholars

The University of Houston hosts the Houston Shakespeare Festival at the Miller Outdoor Theatre every summer since 1975.

This summer, they are performing two plays by Shakespeare- *Richard III* and *Twelfth Night* from July 28- August 6th at 8:15 pm. Miller Outdoor Theatre is located at 6000 Hermann Park Dr. by the zoo and the Museum of Natural History.

These performances are **free**, though there are concession stand snacks available for purchase. (I recommend the chili cheese fries)

Bring your own seating- either a lawn chair or a blanket, and you can also bring snacks and drinks yourself.

If you attend, you will receive extra credit for writing a review of the play that you saw and sending it to me by email: boydstunc@stpiusx.org by **August 8th**.

Your review should include-

-A detailed description of the set (3-5 sentences)

-A detailed description of the costumes (3-5 sentences)

-What was the play about? Summarize what you understood. (a paragraph at least)

-Three things that you liked about the play and why.

You can get insight into what is going on and ask me questions, **if you attend on the nights that I will be attending-**

July 28 for *Twelfth Night* and July 29 for *Richard III*

I will post additional information about this night to the class Remind (you can sign up for the class Remind by texting @beppobard to 81010. This is also a great way to get in touch with me if you have questions!

Some of the seniors who took Shakespeare this year will also be attending on Friday July 28, so you can ask them questions about the class, Shakespeare, and generally hang out being cooler than everyone else in school.

A Note on Summer Reading Options:

While there are several options for Summer Reading available to you, I recommend that you read *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. There's Shakespeare in it, but it isn't Shakespeare! It's a super entertaining read about a theatre troupe after the end of civilization as we know it.

Any of the other options would be good too (and will be acceptable for your summer reading, obviously) but this one is my fave and I put it on the list specifically for y'all to read.

Have a Great Summer!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in the fall in class!