



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

Sometimes I find the world a pretty confounding place. Take for example the sweeping biopic. In 2023 we were given two huge movies from highly respected directors— Christopher Nolan’s *Oppenheimer* and Ridley Scott’s *Napoleon*. I was up in South Bend this July when *Barbenheimer* dominated cultural conversation and, unfortunately, missed seeing the cultural touchstones when they premiered. After watching *Oppenheimer* at home, I was doubling upset to have missed seeing it on the big screen. That must have been spectacular.

Napoleon on the other hand, came and went with very little fanfare. Why is that? Some of the answer is simply subjectivity. A better explanation, however, might be foresight. I’m going to make a bold claim. I knew a better interpretation of *Napoleon* was waiting for me in the Spring of 2024. Unfortunately, few will be able to experience that interpretation. We, however, are among those lucky few. As I’ve mentioned in the last few letters, the Duchesne Performing Arts Department is performing *School House Rock* Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights; the curtain opens at 7:00. **Will Kielhofner** has a major role, but also a minor one, as a scene stealing *Napoleon*. His secondary performance may be my favorite of the show.

The whole musical, however, is excellent, and features the songs you know and love from “I’m Just a Bill” to “The Preamble” to the classic “Conjunction Junction.” Don’t miss it! As they say in the introduction:

As you body grows bigger
Your mind must flower
It’s great to learn
‘Cause knowledge is power
School House Rocky
A Chip off the Block
Of your Favorite School House
School House Rock!

Pax,

Dominic D’Urso



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Announcements

- February 29-March 2 **School House Rock:** The Spring Musical is finally here. The Duchesne Performing Arts department presents *School House Rock*. That's right, all of your favorite throwback cartoons will be on our stage in live action. I'm particularly excited for "I'm Just a Bill." (Totally lived up to my expectations!) The show begins each night at 7:00.
- March 1 **Last Day of the 3rd Quarter**
- March 4-8 **Mission Week:** Our students and Campus Ministry have planned a variety of activities leading up to our Mission Week pep rally.
- March 4 **All School Mass:** Mission Week kicks off with an all school mass. As usual, all of our families are welcome to attend.
- March 8 **College Fair:** Over 15 colleges from around the area will be on our campus to present to our junior class.
- March 9-17 **Spring Break**
- March 20 **Home Golf (Bogey), Volleyball, and Soccer**
- March 21 **Home Baseball (BMAC)**
- March 22 **Junior Retreat:** More information will be coming soon.
- March 23 **Track Meet (Lutheran SC)**
- March 28-April 1 **Easter Break**
- April 8 **Schedule Change/No School:** Last year, we sold out of our Dream Home tickets and earned a day off of school. We will take that day on April 8th to give students and faculty an opportunity to drive south to see the total eclipse.