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Mike McConaughey was a teacher and administrator with CS. Lewis Academy for 28 years before becoming Theater Director at Newberg High School in 2015.



Their interpretation was written to a 1940s film noir vibe with a harsh but beautiful atmosphere, as was demonstrated suggested by the sax, piano, guitar and trumpet mute.

If you didn't know, theater is considered a CTE, career & technical education,

curriculum with real world educational benefits.

It involves fashion, wardrobe and costume design. HMUA (hair and makeup artistry). Construction for sets and props. Artistry of set and prop design and production. Electrical engineering. Audio, video and acoustics. Leadership from director roles and actors for, well, for acting.



Stage performance fosters confidence and builds character.

It strengthens interpretation & presentation and collaboration skills.

Based on limited information I could find online, it looks like Romeo & Juliette performances ran through Saturday, March 18. I was able to find a hint of an upcoming performance April 27th-29th of Mary Poppins Jr.



Spoiler Alert, we passed the basket for donations to help fund the students' annual trip to Ashland's Shakespearean Festival and handed over \$419.



Newberg's approach to theater is a participatory one. That good drama is meant to be seen and heard, not just read.

Students analyze stories to build an authentic, relate-able feel.

They designed and created their own play based on what the took away from the Shakespearean experience.

