

# The Fall Production

*A preview of this fall's play: The Princess Diaries*

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This year's fall production put on by the Sedro-Woolley High School Drama Department is an upbeat story about a teenage girl who finds out she is the heir to the throne of Genovia, a small European country. Most of you have either seen the movie with Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews or read the book by Meg Cabot, but director Amy Gregory is not basing this play after the other versions of the Princess Diaries.

"I've never seen the movie and that wasn't an influence for me. We get to make the characters whomever we want to be," said Gregory

Having the freedom of not having these characters in a pre-made form can allow the actors to make the characters a better fit and make them much more comfortable. According to Gregory, "There are lots of fun roles for women, because that's mainly who auditions."

The lack of male members in the drama department may have provided some trouble when it came to choosing the play or casting the parts, but that will have no effect on

the outstanding quality of the production.

This isn't the first time the drama department has done a stage adaptation of a popular movie. In previous years, the stage has

seen *The Addams Family*, *Ten Things I Hate About You*, and *Cinderella* just to list a few.

Junior Brianna Werner is playing the lead

role of awkward high schooler, Mia Thermopolis. She has been in four plays here at the high school. According to Werner, "I've never been a lead before, so this is super exciting and nervous."

Taking on this big of a part has put her stress levels "through the roof" and it's really hard to find times to hangout with people outside of school because she's juggling four AP classes and has pages upon pages of lines to memorize.

Junior Margo Callis is playing Lilly Moscovitz, Mia's best friend and sister to fellow high schooler Michael. Margo described Lilly as not preppy, but bubbly and

to the point where everything is muscle memory and just doing it."

Junior Logan Price plays Michael and the vaguely European fashionista Paolo. The reason he enjoys being apart of the drama department is, "I love being on stage and entertaining people, it's as simple as that."

He thinks that this play is going to be good because of the script and it's a story that people love. According to Price, "Michael is a more relatable character and he's more reserved and someone people can watch and relate to and they can



*Drama Students prepare for the fall production*

very passionate about the environment and a random assortment of things. "It's going to be good, especially with the people we have. Mrs. Gregory did good with casting," said Callis.

This will be Callis' fourth play. Her favorite part of being in the plays is, "the adrenaline rush after you get off stage and you're shaking, but when you're on stage and you do everything right," and when "you come off stage and you're thinking how did I do that and you get

be entertained because they can connect to him."

The play has a colorful mix of characters that are both entertaining and relatable, and the storyline is a mainly about something crazy happening to an awkward but lovable girl and how she deals with everything that's happening to her. This quirky story about high school drama and the royal family of Genovia hits a Sedro-Woolley theater near you in November.