

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week
April 28, 2017

"Sister Act: The Musical"



The POB JFKHS Drama Cadets have done it again with their awesome production of this year's Spring Musical, *Sister Act*. From the minute the curtains opened, the audience was treated to a series of Broadway-like experiences from our incredibly talented students and staff. A truly heavenly experience.

With a cast of 56 students, led by their director, Mr. Richard Olivari, auditions took place in October, with rehearsals beginning in December. These students

worked tirelessly, giving up their free time because they were dedicated to a level of excellence that our Cadets have consistently achieved. Accolades also have to be given to Mr. Robert Lombardo, who served as the vocal director, Ms. Kelly Alcantara for choreography, Ms. Merry Goldfarb for creating over 100 costumes, and POB alumni and current Broadway make-up/wig designer Mr. Brian Strumwasser who designed and made wigs for the production.

The production represents a true community effort involving administration, parents, alumni, teachers, and of course, the shining stars of it all, our wonderfully talented students. However, special gratitude must be given to Mr. Olivari for his dedication to theatre and arts education, as he continually goes above and beyond what is asked of him to ensure a quality, exceptional performance is a yearly event. Because of his direction, a diverse and talented team was brought together, and this production happened seamlessly.



The incredible Drama Cadets boast a rich history of theatre.

Many of our alumni have gone on to professional careers involved in many facets of theatre, including acting, technical theatre, stage automation, make-up, costumes, music, and so much more. We look forward to seeing these students in future stage and film productions and know in only a few years, we will be able to say we watched them in "*Sister Act: The Musical!*".

