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PHS Theatre Awarded Two Grants through DonorsChoose.org



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA– Perry High School’s Drama Department was awarded two grants through DonorsChoose.org, an online charity where one may support a school program of their choice. Joe Sendek, Perry High’s drama teacher, applied for grants totaling \$1,100 for a “Stage Fright Survival Kit” and “Beyond the Mask,” a multi-cultural mask making kit.

The Stage Survival Kit consists of 23 contemporary and classic monologue books and tools to write original pieces, at a cost of \$475. The grant request began with the image of a young person entering the light on a darkened stage, nerves shaking and voice quivering. “With your gift these same students can enter the light with confidence,” commented Sendek. “One of the constant needs for young actors is a good audition monologue. When the package arrived, the students were extremely excited. They opened the books and directed each other to favorites within the first few moments and talked about how these books will help them in class and at auditions.” Read more about the grant and the donors at <http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/proposal.html?id=298312>

After this success, Sendek applied for the mask making kit at a cost of \$625. He has been informed that this request has been fully funded and is now awaiting delivery.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Dr. Darryl Albritton serves as principal. For more information, please contact Joe Sendek at (478) 988-6298 or joseph.sendek@hcbe.net.

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Note: Perry High drama students are shown enjoying the monologue books.

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