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ARCHMERE ACADEMY DRAMATICS PRESENTS 'TEACH ME HOW TO CRY'



(Claymont, DE) October 10, 2014 – Archmere Academy Theatre presents its fall play production, *Teach Me How to Cry*, a drama written by Patricia Joudry.

The play concerns a delicately written relationship between a self-conscious, emotionally arrested young girl and a young poet whose struggle lies in finding the balance in things. Two outcasts in a high school in the 1920's: the girl, a wallflower, lives on the outskirts of her peers' social lives. The boy, son of a salesman, has moved every year of his life and is looking once again to find a place where he fits. The two characters, with a *Romeo and Juliet* theme underneath, find each other, although troubled parents and jealous classmates attempt to sabotage their budding relationship. A beautiful love story about self-discovery and vulnerability, *Teach Me How to Cry* explores the dangers of gossip and jealousy, and shows the audience how love can prevail against all odds.

Teach Me How to Cry stars freshman Gia Mariano as the wallflower Melinda. Sophomore Keelin Reilly stars as the male lead, Will. Senior Anna South plays Melinda's mother and seniors Elizabeth Millard and Thomas Whan Tong play Will's parents. Junior Ashley Diggins (Polly) and senior Sam Dainton (Bruce) play some of Melinda's meddlesome classmates. The play is being scenically designed and costumed by students led by two-time Cappies nominee Claire Caverly and senior Emily Simons.

The production will run Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th at 7pm in Archmere's Theater. The admission cost is \$5 for students of any age, faculty, and senior citizens. General admission is \$10.

Archmere Academy is a Catholic, Norbertine college preparatory school, valuing community, respect, zeal, reverence and wisdom. Nurturing body and soul, mind and heart, Archmere focuses on the whole person through academic excellence, faith reflection, social development and service to others. Inspired by its heritage, Archmere cultivates empathetic leaders – young men and women prepared for every good work.

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