

An Interview With Ellie by Lexi



As everyone's 8th Grade year is coming to an end, it's time for a change. Ellie J. has spent her years in middle school and soon will be graduating on to high school. Though she's ready to move on, there's been many experiences and feelings that are left to share. Join me as I ask Ellie about her closing thoughts on school, relationships, and the life ahead of her.

Q: What class has been your favorite this year? What have you done in it? What made it your favorite?

A: History has been my favorite this year. I enjoy the simulations and group work that we do. I like things that are more hands on. I appreciate that Mrs. Zantingh gives us time and doesn't hover over us. It's more of a do it on your own, which gives us a taste of reality.

Q: What has been your toughest obstacle, school wise or life wise, of your 8th grade year?

A: I think balance. I want to do all these things: theatre, stuff at home, hang out with friends, but I also want to put time into school work. It's hard to do all those things and keep a good balance between them.

Q: What has the Lord taught you this year throughout challenges you've faced?

A: The Lord has taught me that he has everything under control and covered. A good example would be theatre. We were all sort of panicking because we didn't know how it would go. He showed that if things are meant to be they will come together and if they won't they'll fall apart.

Q: I know you do theatre, how has theatre impacted your time as an 8th grader?

A: I like to pour a lot of time into everything I enjoy. So doing theatre and music related things is a good outlet to express both of them. It's exciting that I can put time into something that's beneficial, as I will be combining both my musical and theatrical talents in the fall musical in highschool.

Q: What has your experience in theatre been like and what are your plans as an actor in the future?

A: All of the experiences have been very beneficial, not only practicing and becoming different characters, but the community. In fall I played a role in a group of narrators and we all became close and worked well together. When it comes to Winter theatre it's been great to get to know your different cast groups, my favorite being the Our Town cast. I definitely want to do the fall musical and winter speech to try it out and see how highschool theatre compares to middle school. It's also just great to try out all the different things you can participate in.

Q: What are your favorite memories of middle school?

A: During quarantine, when we were supposed to be quarantined, I had a group of friends. With these friends we would bike around as a fun way to get out of the house. I also enjoy any of the theatre things we've done. It feels like there's always something fun happening and great to hang out with people. I also enjoyed football games. There's not a super specific memory that I can recite but just general things that I've experienced.

Q: How will what you've learned and experienced help you in high school or later in life?

A: That's a good question. I feel like learning how to get along with people is a good skill to have even if you don't like them. It's important to learn this because it's a good skill that helps you work with people and get along. Sometimes, some people are

pretty annoying and it's a great skill to learn how to handle your emotions around them.

Q: Where do you hope to be led by God during your time in high school? What goals do you hope to achieve?

A: I really just hope to achieve a deeper relationship with him. I also hope to learn how to listen to him more and lead others to him in a better way. I really hope that he can help clarify things based on different passions and activities I enjoy to help me know what career I want to do and what else to do later in life. One of my goals is to get a lead role in a play or musical because I think that'd be a really awesome experience.

Ellie was a wonderful girl to sit down with and have a conversation. I admire her for her views in life and her motivation in whatever she does. Make sure to watch out for her in future high school productions, she'll put on a show you won't want to miss.