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50th Anniversary Harrison Trimble Teacher's Variety Show

On Saturday night, **February 18th**, 44 years of tradition will be celebrated in the Owen Fraser Auditorium at Harrison Trimble High School with a special evening version of the famous HTHS Teacher's Variety Show. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the school, former and current teachers are gathering to perform in an adults-only evening of hilarity, re-creating most of the classic acts that have entertained students for decades.

The annual Teacher's Variety show, held in the spring every school year, has long been the highlight of the year for Trimble students and teachers alike. Every Trimble student has a story about the show as this is the one time every year when the teachers leave their serious role at the stage door. The variety show prides itself on being unpolished, irreverent and diverse, with skits, songs, comedic routines, and dances.

Unforgettable acts such as the male members of the staff frolicking in leotards in 'Swine Lake', 'Hans and Franz flexing their muscles (and abusing the Queen's English) as they pump-you-up!', the staffroom skit revealing what *really* goes on in that mysterious inner sanctum, or 'Rippy the Gator' removing little Billy's limbs one by one, are just a few of those planned for the evening show.

The annual Harrison Trimble High School Teachers' Variety Show began in the fall of 1968. During a morning school wide assembly, students were both stunned and thrilled to see Principal J.R. Tippett don a top hat and vest and perform a first rate impression of actor-comedian Jimmy Durante. This was followed by a couple of brief comedic skits by other staff members. From that humble beginning, grew the historic event that is the Harrison Trimble Teachers' Variety Show.

Within 3 years of the spectacle of that first assembly, an entire hour of teacher and administrator entertainment was an annual event on the Trimble school calendar. Performing in the show was a rite of passage for new teachers and administrators, and students began to mark the 'T.V.S.' date as a highlight of their academic year.

By the late 70's, the show had grown to an annual extravaganza, often approaching 3 hours in length. During the past decade, an afternoon 2 hour assembly slot allows for the current very fast paced, entertaining - although not terribly polished - production.

For nearly 45 years, hundreds of staff members and thousands upon thousands of students have been part of the event that is the Harrison Trimble High School Teachers' Variety Show. On Saturday, February 18th, 2012, join current, former and retired staff for a very special evening of performance and nostalgia, as some of the most popular acts are performed once again in the Owen Fraser Auditorium. This is truly a unique event, with a special cast, and is not to be missed.

The show is scheduled for **Saturday, February 18th at 7:30**, with a reception being held prior to the opening curtain from 6:30-7:30. Alcohol will be served, making this an adult-only evening. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the school office, Steeves' Jean Coutu at 1792 Mountain Road, and Lloyd's of Moncton (also on Mountain Road). Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door before the show, but organizers encourage all to purchase their tickets in advance to avoid missing this once in a lifetime trip down memory lane.

As all Trimble teachers remember at least one Variety Show that was cancelled by a snowstorm, they already have a 'snow date' for this show. If there is a storm on the 18th, the show will go on March 17th instead. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the 50th anniversary Legacy Fund.

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