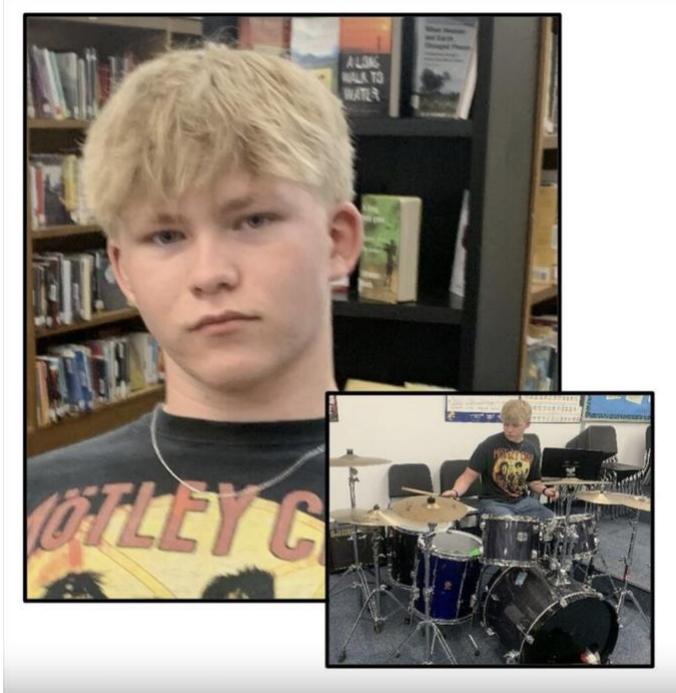


The Paradise Center Presents

Jesse Buchanan

Thompson Falls High School Spotlight on the Arts



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"Spotlight on the Arts" by The Paradise Center honors and encourages students in the arts by highlighting their talent and acknowledging the support they receive through their schools and teachers.

One of our "Spotlight on the Arts" students is Jesse Buchanan, a 16-year-old sophomore at Thompson Falls High School. It was a pleasure to interview Jesse and hear the passion he has for playing drums-both at home and in the high school band.

Jesse's favorite genre is progressive rock, which he describes as "like a feel music; has

a good feel." After doing a quick search myself, I found that progressive rock is known for its ambitious compositions, which seems to suit Jesse's style perfectly.

Drums are Jesse's favorite instrument, although he dabbles in guitar, bass, and piano as well. "It's fun to explore and not just be stuck on one," he said. His inspiration for learning drums came at an early age-he distinctly remembers hearing his dad play Mötley Crüe tunes when he was just eight years old. "Something just clicked for me," he recalled. Now, he and his dad share a nine-piece drum set at home.

Jesse listed several bands and drummers he admires, and judging by the shirt he was wearing during our chat, it's safe to say that Tommy Lee of Mötley Crüe is among his favorites.

Jesse encourages younger students considering an instrument to "definitely explore your talents. And play with others because it will help you improve, and as a result, your confidence will grow." As for the future, Jesse sees drumming as something he'll always enjoy-"realistically as a side thing. Although I would explore something if it came up, like a band needing a drummer."

We wrapped up the interview back in the band room, where Jesse gave me a small taste of his talents on the drums-and it did not disappoint.