**TO:** All Booker Middle School VPA Drama families

**FROM:** Ms. Mills, Drama Director

**DATE:** 17 September 2013

**RE:** District and State Jr. Thespian Festival Registration Information

This year, the Booker Middle School VPA Drama Department will have the opportunity to audition to compete and/or participate in the Florida State Junior Thespian District and State Festivals. The purpose of this packet is to relay the details regarding auditioning and registration information for the festivals.

I have summarized much of the information in this packet, but please visit the Florida State Junior Thespian website [www.floridajrthespians.com](http://www.floridajrthespians.com) and the EdTA website [www.schooltheatre.org](http://www.schooltheatre.org) for full details.

Each Jr. Thespian troupe is only allowed to enter a certain number of students for each event (i.e. 5 Monologues, 5 Duet Acting, etc.). We are holding audition sessions for the spots for the individual events on **Thursday, October 3rd afterschool from 2:30-4:30**. Any student who is interested in competing at the District Festival MUST audition on this day. Each student will be evaluated by a panel using the festival adjudication rubrics. The top students in each event will represent us at the district festival. Students who will not be competing are still encouraged to attend the Festival and observer passes are available (details to follow).

**DISTRICT 5 FESTIVAL: NORTHWEST FLORIDA and GREATER TAMPA AREA**

The date and location of the district festival:

Saturday, **November 23rd, 2013**

**Blake High School**

**1701 North Boulevard**

**Tampa, FL 33607**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 30th (through Ms. Mills)**

**Festival Fee: $30 per student (includes lunch and a t-shirt)**

**STATE FESTIVAL**

**The state festival dates and location are:**

FESTIVAL 2014 THEME: Second Rating to the Right and Straight onto Superior

Friday/Saturday, FEBRUARY, 7-8, 2014

Eastern Florida State College/The King Center

1519 Clearlake Road

Cocoa, FL 32922

Registration Deadline: January 10th, 2014 (through Ms. Mills)

Festival Fee: $40 per student ($30 per chaperone/non-competing student)

Please read through the rest of the information and return the completed intent to compete/registration page only on the audition day (keep the rest of the packet for your future reference). We will also need chaperones so please include that information on the form as well (Festival fee for chaperones is $35 which includes lunch and a t-shirt). As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I am looking forward to taking a another strong team to both festivals this year and reminding the Florida State Junior Thespian Organization just what makes the Booker Middle School VPA Drama program so special!

**BASIC FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

**THE RULES**

* No student may enter the same category twice.
* Students can participate in up to four IE's where ONE must be technical. If they do not do a technical event, then the max is 3 performance events.
* Materials must be drawn from published plays written for the theatre or a published monologue anthology. Poetry, fiction, screenplays, and lyrics will not be allowed.
* Students receiving a Superior rating at the District level are eligible to perform at the State level.  Final selection will be the sponsor's decision.  Each year a number of students receiving an Excellent MAY be allowed to attend.  Please check your State registration packet for details. ***[STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE STATE LEVEL FESTIVAL]***
* No changes or additions after registration deadline. Dropping an IE will cost $10.00 per event.
* All Individual Events presented at State Festival must be the same title and cutting, with the same participants, that received an Excellent Superior at District Festival.  Any exceptions to this rule require a written request to the State Director two weeks prior to the Festival.

**INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE EVENTS** *(students may be considered for the first 7 categories)*

Monologue

Duet Acting

Ensemble Acting

Pantomime

Solo Musical Theatre

Duet Musical Theatre

Large Group Musical\*\* (we have already selected the piece, auditions to follow in class)

*[Small Group Musical]*

*[Improvisation]*

**INDIVIDUAL TECHNICAL EVENTS**

Scene Design

Costume Design

Marketing Design

Scene Writing

Make-Up Design

JR. THESPIAN DISTRICT FESTIVAL

STUDENT INTENT TO COMPETE/REGISTRATION 2013



\*\*I plan to attend the District Festival even if I am not competing - YES or NO (circle one)\*\*

CHAPERONE INFORMATION

*(complete only if interested in chaperoning)*



**Please complete this form and return it to Ms. Mills no later than**

**Thursday, October 3rd.**

**Make checks payable to Booker Middle School—registration fee will be due October 23rd**

***\*\*\*Not auditioning/returning form will prevent a student from being entered into the festival\*\*\****