

TO: All Booker Middle School VPA Drama families
FROM: Ms. Mills, Drama Director
DATE: 16 September 2014
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.fljrthespians.com and the EdTA website 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 **Tuesday, September 30th 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 22nd, 2014
Blake High School
1701 North Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33607
Registration Deadline: Monday, October 27th (through Ms. Mills)
Festival Fee: \$30 per student (includes lunch and a t-shirt)

STATE FESTIVAL

The state festival dates and location are:

FESTIVAL 2015 THEME: Let Theatre Be a Part of Your Story
Friday/Saturday, FEBRUARY, 6-7, 2015
Eastern Florida State College/The King Center
1519 Clearlake Road
Cocoa, FL 32922
Registration Deadline: January 9th, 2014 (through Ms. Mills)
Festival Fee: \$40 per student (\$35 per chaperone)

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 (District Festival fee for chaperones is \$30 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 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 or 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 following 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 2014/2015

Student Full Name:

Individual Event #1:

Individual Event #2:

Individual Event #3:

T-shirt Size:

Youth or Adult (circle one)

XS S M L XL (circle one)

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)

Chaperone Name

Contact Phone

T-shirt Size:

XS S M L XL (circle one)

**Please complete this form and return it to Ms. Mills no later than
Tuesday, September 30th.**

Make checks payable to Booker Middle School—registration fee will be due Fri., October 17th

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