

TO: All Booker Middle School VPA Drama families
FROM: Ms. Mills, Drama Director
DATE: 8 September 2015
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.fljrthespian.com/infoweb/ 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 22nd 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: GREATER TAMPA AREA

The date and location of the district festival:

Saturday, November 21st, 2015, 9:00AM-7:00PM

Blake High School

1701 North Boulevard

Tampa, FL 33607

Festival Fee: \$35 per student or chaperone (includes lunch and a t-shirt); due Friday, October 23rd, 2015; Day passes \$20 and available onsite at Blake High School

STATE FESTIVAL

The state festival dates and location are:

FESTIVAL 2015 THEME: The Thespians Strike Back!

Friday/Saturday, FEBRUARY, 5-6, 2016

Lyman High School

865 S. Ronald Reagan Blvd.

Longwood, FL 32750

Festival Fee: \$40 per person (est. trip total per person \$150 for lodging, travel, meals); due Tuesday, January 5th, 2016; Day pass price TBD

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. 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 AUDITION INFORMATION

1. Students will be expected to initially find and prepare their Festival selections on their own. Students selected for Festival performances will be expected to attend afterschool rehearsals to rehearse with Ms. Mills.
2. Students must time the entirety of their pieces to make sure they do not go over the maximum time allotted per event. See www.fljthespian.com/infoweb/ for individual event details.
3. Students will perform only one minute of the piece they intend to perform at Festival for the auditions, utilizing all props, accompaniments, etc. needed for that part of the piece. These will be provided by the student.
4. Auditions will be adjudicated by a panel and will utilize the adjudication rubrics used at both the District and State Festivals.
5. The list of students selected to perform at Festival will be posted in Ms Mills' room by the end of the audition week.

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
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 2015/2016

Student Full Name:

Individual Event #1 and title of piece:

Individual Event #2 and title of piece:

Individual Event #3 and title of piece:

T-shirt Size:

YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL (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:

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**Please complete this form and return it to Ms. Mills no later than
Tuesday, September 22nd.**

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

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