

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your student has been selected to represent DA Theatre at the 2020 International Thespian Society Regional Thespian Festival!

What this means: students and groups will rehearse, clean, present and perform their hard work for a panel of theatre professionals for adjudication and feedback. It really is a special day: the camaraderie and support we develop on that day can carry us through the year! Thank you for allowing your student this opportunity.

*WHERE:* Creekside High School

*WHEN:* November 20<sup>th</sup>

*HOW:* We will be taking two buses to Creekside High School. All students will meet at DA and board the bus. **NO STUDENT MAY MEET US AT CREEKSIDE.** We will arrive together and leave together.

*TIME:* Plan to arrive at DA early, most likely between 6:30 am and 7:00 am. The time will be specified at a later date. We will arrive back to DA around 10:00 pm, and we will have students text parents when we leave Creekside and/or throughout the evening, so you have a better idea of when pickup will be.

*COST?* All students participating in the District Festival must pay a registration fee. The fee is based on how many events in which the student participates. **One event = \$35. Two events = \$40. Three events = \$45.** A student may not participate in more than three events, excluding being in someone's choreography or directing piece. If they are in someone's directing or choreography piece: *they do not have to pay.* The Director or Choreographer is being adjudicated; hence they are responsible for their own registration fee.

In addition, each student will be responsible for \$7.50 for the bus fee. So, if a student is taking 1 event, they will pay \$42.50 total. 2 events = \$47.50 etc. etc.

If a student is in Nina-Simone Diaz's One-Act "Hook," they will pay an additional \$5. Performances for One-Acts will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and will be addressed in a further letter.

Many groups have already begun to schedule afterschool rehearsals for their pieces. They must get prior permission from a Theatre Department Faculty member to supervise them afterschool. Rehearsals must also follow DCPS guidelines regarding social distancing and safety protocols. If you have any questions about afterschool rehearsals, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Signed paperwork (enclosed) must be turned in by the student on **October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> TO THEIR ACTING TEACHER (Cooper, Kemper, Thoburn or Anthony).** Late submissions will not be accepted and will jeopardize the entire group's ability to participate.

We are very excited about the Festival this year! Please feel free to reach out to a Theatre Department Faculty member with questions!

Sincerely,

DA Theatre

