



Welcome Theatre Students and Parents!

**We will have a Theatre Registration Night for all Theatre Students' Parents on Thursday, August 18 from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM in the Black Box, C102.** At this time, parents will fill out the contact information form, sign the travel permission form, pay class fee (checks or cash or online-Paypal), register for Boosters, obtain a Theatre Handbook, gather information about our Thespian Troupe/Drama Club, the Musical and other Theatre Activities for the year and have the opportunity to purchase theatre T-shirts and Booster T-shirts. Come in the back doors by the cafeteria and follow the signs to the Theatre hallway. If you prefer to fill the forms out at home, prior to the registration night, you can download the required forms from the web site [www.cphstheatre.org](http://www.cphstheatre.org) in the "Forms List" Link.

At the center of all drama is communication. Therefore, I want to welcome you to the Cedar Park High School Theatre Program and inform you about the many opportunities for involvement in the program.

I believe that theatre education is an important tool for preparing students to live and work in a world that is increasingly team oriented. The theatre experience is collaborative and reinforces the rest of the school curriculum more than any other art form. Consequently, I have an exciting year planned for all of my classes and for our extra-curricular activities, which follow the TEKS and the LISD goals.

Let me highlight a few tools that will facilitate our communication. I maintain the CPHS Theatre web site from home. [www.cphstheatre.org](http://www.cphstheatre.org). I update it regularly. There are links for Boosters, Announcements, Thespians, Handbook, Forms, Class information, Calendars, and Contact information. So, please use this resource because changes of any kind, urgent messages, and announcements are posted here regularly. Also, we want to implement the use of an e-mail database for better communication. Tonya Wilkinson is our Booster President and the ability to e-mail parents helps her keep you informed of activities in which you or your student can participate. Furthermore, the database gives the Theatre Teachers/Directors an opportunity to communicate with parents and students in a more personal and timely fashion about class activities, grades, performances and trips.

Every student needs a place to call "home" at school and our Thespian Troupe /Drama Club will be a fun and worthwhile organization for your child to join. The International Thespian Society is as its name indicates, a worldwide drama organization that promotes the art of theatre and the act of community service. We have parties, theatre trips, a summer camp for elementary students and other fun activities. We meet after school about once a month for an hour. Students can participate in Thespian activities while they earn their points to be inducted. We have a back-to-school picnic, Halloween party, Winter party, Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat community food drive, trips to see plays at different venues and guest presenters.

Our school musical is an extra-curricular activity that is open to any student in the school. Musicals production funds must be raised. Therefore, we charge a \$100 production fee to participate and \$100 for costume rentals. CPHS musicals are quality productions and we take great pride in our work. Students come away with new skills, new friends, and wonderful memories. This year, our musical will be in January.

The growth of the theatre program is only possible with the help of our Theatre Boosters. Hence, if you can donate any amount of time at home or at school, we need your help. I urge you to join and become active in your student's theatre experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents in our department, share ideas, and support your student's activities throughout the year.

Again, welcome to the CPHS Theatre Department! Please contact a Booster officer or me with questions or suggestions. I am delighted to work with my students and their parents throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Sincerely,

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