

Dear MVHS Students & Parents,

It's time to get excited for the 2024 **Illinois High School Theatre Fest!** IHSTF, the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world, is a fun and engaging opportunity for students to see fantastic shows, participate in skill building workshops, network with students from other high schools, tryout for the ALLFEST Improv Team, audition for collegiate scholarships, compete in Tech Olympics, and bond with fellow classmates.

This year's Festival is located at the **Illinois State University** and includes an exciting schedule of activities. Students will leave mid-afternoon on **Thursday, January 11th and will return Saturday, January 13th.**

Students interested in attending Theatre Fest must fill out the attached forms and turn in their payment on the following dates:

Friday, Sept. 15th - Preferred Due Date (Junior - Senior students who turn in forms & money by this date receive priority.)

Friday, Sept. 22nd - Final day for Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors to submit preferred status forms & money!

Friday, Sept. 29th - Freshman may begin turning in forms & money if space is available.

Friday, Oct. 6th - ALL FORMS AND \$ DUE! We can only register those students who have turned in all completed forms and money. *See Mrs. Walker or Ms. Wojtasik with any questions.*

WE CAN ONLY TAKE THE FIRST 36 STUDENTS TO SUBMIT FORMS/MONEY, SO PLEASE BE TIMELY. ALL FORMS AND MONEY CAN BE TURNED IN TO **MRS. WALKER** or **MR. WOJTASIK** in **E220**. PLEASE NOTE THAT DRAMA CLUB CAN NOT ISSUE REFUNDS FOR THEATREFEST.

Please submit the field trip fee of **\$180** or connect with **Wolski** about a payment plan by **SEPTEMBER 15TH**. Use **PushCoin** or make checks out to **Metea Valley Drama Club**, and please be sure to include **student ID and phone number on your check**. We will be registering all paid participants the first week of October. All registrations are final. The total cost covers the festival fee, hotel rooms, transportation, and breakfast. The cost does not include other meals and miscellaneous items; therefore, **it is essential that each student bring additional spending money with them.**

Hotel Information:

Quality Inn & Suites

1707 W Market Street,
Bloomington, IL, 61701
United States
(309) 829-6292



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH (tentative / subject to change)

1:30 pm - Meet by the main office of Metea.
2:00 pm - Leave Metea by bus.
4:30 pm - Check in at hotel and Fest registration (possible College/University Auditionees' Meeting - time TBA)
5:30ish - Dinner
7 to 11 pm - Opening Celebration, Group Meeting, Get Show Tickets
11:00 pm - Lights Out

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH

Morning

8:00 am - Breakfast, Auditions for College/University Admission & Scholarships, Workshops, Showcases, Full-lengths

Afternoon

Lunch, Workshops, Showcases, Full-lengths continue.

Evening

Dinner on your own
All State Performance (tentative, exact time TBA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH

Morning

8:00 am - Breakfast; Check out of hotel; Workshops, Showcases, Full-lengths continue.

Afternoon

4 pm - Planned arrival back at Metea

SENIORS: For more information about college/university auditions, check www.illinoistheatrefest.org.

**PLEASE FILL OUT &
RETURN ALL FORMS!!**

Please email your ITS/Drama Club sponsors with any additional questions. We hope you can join this year's trip!

Mrs. Wojtasik (sara_wojtasiak@ipsd.org)

Mr. Wolski (matthew_wolski@ipsd.org)



2024 Theatre Fest Field Trip Parent Consent Form



Name of Student: _____

ID: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Date of Trip: 1/11/24 - 1/13/24

Destination: Illinois High School Theatre Festival

Purpose of Trip: Illinois High School Theatre Festival

Class/Group Making Trip: Drama Club

Staff Members who will be in charge: Sara Wojtasik, Matt Wolski, Chaperone TBA

Time of Departure from MVHS: 2 pm 1/11/24

Time of Return to MVHS: 4 pm 1/13/24

Type of Transportation: district bus

Parent Contact Number during Trip: _____

The above named student has my permission to make the trip described above.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Theatre Fest Expectations

- Students will adhere to the Metea Valley Student Make-Up Policy.
- All school rules and policies are in effect while on the field trip.
- Students will follow procedures for regularly checking in with trip chaperones.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MVHS Field Trip Permission Slip

Name:

Destination: Illinois State University

ID#:

Date of Trip: 1/11/2024 - 1/13/2024

Teacher: Sara Wojtasik & Matt Wolski

Leave Time: 2:00 PM

Return Time: 4:00 PM

Student cost:\$180

- All school policies will be enforced throughout the duration of the field trip.
- The student is responsible for informing their teacher(s) of their Field Trip absence before they leave for the Field Trip and completing any missed work according to the policy of the individual teacher
- Does your student have any health issues which may impact their participation in this field trip?
___ Yes ___ No If yes, explain:

The above student has my permission to attend the Field Trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Emergency Phone#:

Student Make-Up Policy

It is the student's responsibility to *inform* their teachers of their upcoming field trip and to *obtain* and to *complete* all class work, homework, and quizzes/test missed while on a field trip. Teachers have the discretion to modify their make-up policies to meet individual needs of students and circumstances. Assignments made during the field trip will be due at a time indicated by the teacher, taking into account the amount of time other students were given to complete the assignment. Participation in co-curricular activities should not be denied or restricted because of participation in field trips.

Students should arrange with teachers the times to make-up missed quizzes/test. If a quiz/test was announced before the field trip, the student should be prepared to take the test/quiz upon his/her return to school. Students may be required to take quizzes/tests before or after school even if this arrangement conflicts with other activities (e.g., school activities , athletics, employment, etc). Students attending the field trip are required to sign below indicating their understanding of the Make-Up policy. All school rules apply to all students attending field trips including specific teacher expectations for this field trip.

Student Signature

Date.



**48th Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival
January 11-13, 2024**



Medical/Media Release Form

Each participant, including all adults, must complete a medical/media release form. Please type or print legibly. All forms and payment must be received before your school's registration is considered complete. Forms from previous years will not be accepted.

Participant Information:

Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____
 Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Participant Cell Phone _____
 Parent/Guardian First and Last Name _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

School Information:

School Name _____ School Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____ School Phone _____ Fax _____
 Primary Sponsor _____ Sponsor Cell Phone _____

Emergency Information:

Contact #1: Name _____ Relationship _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____
Contact #2: Name _____ Relationship _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Medical Information:

Do you have insurance? Yes No Health Insurance Company _____
 Policy # _____
 Allergic to any medications? _____

Signatures: Participant refers to the student, chaperone, or sponsor who is attending Festival (participants must sign on line A). Parent, guardian, or next of kin must sign on line B. Note: All students participating, even if over the age of 18, must have a parent, guardian, or next of kin's signed permission. Please read the following carefully!

- The undersigned participant (student, chaperone, or sponsor) agrees to abide by the Festival rules and regulations as posted on the Festival website at www.illinoistheatrefest.org.
- The undersigned participant will adhere to the Festival's Photo/Video & Social Media Best Practices Policy as posted on the Festival website at www.illinoistheatrefest.org and in the Festival program. I acknowledge that photos/videos may be taken by authorized individuals and used for educational, instructional, or promotional purposes in any print, broadcast and/or electronic media formats. The undersigned participant hereby voluntarily and without compensation grant permission to Illinois (ITA) its representatives and/or Big Buzz Idea Group, LLC, its representatives, and employees, to use any photographic/video image(s) taken of me, or of anyone for whom I have legal responsibility, for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising or web content. I further authorize the aforementioned entity(ies), its assigns and transferees, the right to copyright, use and publish the same in print or electronically for the purposes aforementioned.
- I agree to be responsible for the above named participant while traveling to and from the Festival, including any expenses incurred or caused by, and/or any personal injuries which may occur to, the above named participant.
- I acknowledge that in case of serious injury, I hereby give my permission for emergency medical treatment, as recommended by a physician; I understand that no surgical procedure will be performed without my permission and consent; I understand that any medical expenses are my financial responsibility.
- I hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge the Illinois Theatre Association, its Board of Directors, Big Buzz Idea Group, LLC, its representatives, and employees, Planning Committee Members, employees, agents, and representatives, and Illinois State University, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents, and representatives, from any and all claims, causes of actions, damages, or judgments, whether in contract or in tort, for any injuries including personal that may be incurred arising out of or in any way connected to the attendee's participation (signature and date required for participation).

A: _____ Date _____
 Signature of Participant (student, chaperone, or sponsor)

B: _____ Date _____
 Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Next of Kin