**Theatre Fest 2020: I Still Believe!**

**What is Theatre Fest?:** Theatre Fest is a 3-day theatre convention for Illinois high schools. Theatre Fest provides students with the opportunity to participate in workshops and classes from theatre professionals, see productions from high schools around the state and attend the All-State show *Aida.*

**When and Where is Theatre Fest?:**  January 9-11, 2020 at Illinois State University. Students will take a bus down to ISU and will stay in a hotel overnight in Bloomington-Normal.

**What is the Cost of Theatre Fest?:** We anticipate the cost of Theatre Fest to be between $200 - $250 dollars, but please understand it may be more with the district field trip fees. This fee will cover student registration, spirit wear, transportation, and hotel costs. Please know we will try to keep this trip affordable for all students.

**Who Can Attend Theatre Fest? :** Theatre Fest is open to **sophomore through senior students** who are **active** members of East Theatre and/or East Theatre Thespian Honors Society. Please understand that we can only take a limited number of students based on the Theatre Fest’s requirements and chaperone guidelines set forth by District 308. We will be taking 20-24 students this year. In the event that more than 24 students are interested and turn in the appropriate paperwork, we will determine who will attend by seniority and a possible interview process.

**How Can I Sign Up to Go to Theatre Fest?:** In order to reserve a place on the trip, students will need to complete and turn in the following:

1. **Medical/Media Release form** (found on the East Theatre website)
2. **$55 non-refundable check made out to Oswego East.** 
   1. This is the Registration Fee required for Theatre Fest determined by the Illinois High School Theatre Festival Committee.

These items will need to be turned in by **September 9th** in order to reserve a place on the trip.

The Medical/Media Release form can be found on our East Theatre website under the “East Theatre Thespian Tab” and selecting the Theatre Fest menu item. The website is: www.easttheatre.net

**Next Steps?:**  By September 9th will need to occur. From there, we’ll figure out specific costs based on student numbers and hotel reservations. We will communicate the additional costs and any paperwork and their due dates with any student attending.

**Want More Information?:** Check out Illinois Theatre Fest’s website at [www.illinoistheatrefest.org](http://www.illinoistheatrefest.org) or contact Mrs. Chandler (nchandler@sd308.org) or Ms. Belovsky ([kbelovsky@sd308.org](mailto:kbelovsky@sd308.org))

**\*\*Please remember to turn in paperwork and the $55 check by September 9th to**

**Mrs. Chandler in B160 to reserve your place on the trip.\*\***