



# WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANS<sup>SM</sup>

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

## March 2022 Newsletter

Dear Theatre Educators and Friends,

As I hear more bird song and see more flowers struggling to emerge from the dirt, I'm encouraged to know that Spring is in the air; and summer vacation around the corner. Of course, many of us need to push through our spring productions and continue to encourage our students to keep at it!

I often tease that I teach during the day so I can direct after school; my favorite part of the day. Watching student growth with each rehearsal, and seeing the relationships build encourages me to keep going when the job becomes so difficult. I am thankful for the opportunity to transform lives through story and to work along side so many other talented theatre artists. Thank you for sharing your gift of theatre with your theatre and community! Your work matters!

### UPDATED DOH GUIDANCE -

**HOT OFF THE PRESSES:** Just yesterday I received an email with the updated DOH guidance for schools. The Performing Arts guidance (page 12) still remains somewhat vague; they use the word "may" in relationship to mask wearing and testing. There is no word regarding spacing for audience seating. I know in my county, there will be a meeting with our local DOH and our school superintendents. I recommend that you go to your district for further clarity.

### **STATE THESPIAN OFFICERS - STO Application is Now Open!**

For your students who have expressed an interest in STO, or a student that you would believe would be a good representative of Washington State Thespians. The application is now open and will close the week after our state festival on Friday, April 1st. The Troupe Director Recommendation form, which will be emailed to troupe directors after we receive a student's application, will be due on Sunday, April 10th.

If you have any questions about the Washington State Thespian Officers application, please contact Danika Drake at [danika.drake@wathespians.org](mailto:danika.drake@wathespians.org)

[Student Application Link](#)

### **SUPER STATE - MARCH 26**

Registration has closed, and planning is well under way for our regional SUPER STATE events. If you are registered, you will be hearing shortly from the coordinator

of your regional event with more detailed, logistical information.

## **THEATRE TEACHER CONNECTION -**

There will be no Theatre Teacher Connection this month, as some of us will be gathering in person at our Super State Festivals. Hopefully we'll see you in April.

### **Future dates:**

April 26

May 24

## **WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS TEAM?**

If you are interested in joining our State Thespian Board, you can apply to be a part of the Working Board, supporting our efforts and events! [APPLY HERE](#)

## **WEBSITE**

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan has revamped our Washington State Thespians Website for a new and easier experience. **Please note that our domain has also changed.** You can find an abundance of information by visiting:

<https://www.wathespians.org/>

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2021-2022**

We have created a Google Calendar of all our meetings, events, and deadlines. Feel free to add this to your own Google Calendar.

[WA STATE THESPIANS CALENDAR](#)

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

March 26 - SUPER STATE (3 locations to choose from)

*"Theater is a verb before it is a noun, an act before it is a place."*

*- Martha Graham.*

Sincerely,

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