



WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANSSM

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

March 2023 Newsletter

Hello colleagues and friends,

March is Theatre in Our Schools (TIOS) Month; a time to remind our community the incredible impact that Theatre makes within our educational communities.

Board member Katy Nuttman shared some great ideas of ways to celebrate Theatre in our Schools Month! See ideas below!

TIOS IDEAS:

- Have your students write a **write a letter of gratitude** to building and district administrators thanking them for their support of theatre programs.
- Post the 31 Theatre Education Facts from EdTA in your hallways, read them in daily announcements, and share on your social media pages.
- Use a Google Form and reach out to your alumni—see how they're using the skills they learned in your program to be successful now.
- Share a press release with local news outlets that includes information about TioS month, and any upcoming shows and successes you've had—there's a template on the TioS website!
- Attend the Washington State Thespian Festival
- Join the monthly meeting with OSPI Arts
- Plan a trip to see a show with your students—consider using TeenTix to keep the prices low for everyone!
- Host a talent show as a fundraiser at your school to showcase the variety of talents at your school.
- Host a "Read In" with cozy blankets, your script library, hot cocoa and snacks.
- Hold a sponsored "read-a-thon"--have students get pledges from community members to support them in how many plays they can read (or how many minutes they can read) in the month of March

STO APPLICATIONS - DUE TOMORROW!!

Applications should be completed and turned in by March 3, 2023

We enjoy being a State Thespian Officer because we are able to make a student impact in our theatre community. The dedication and planning that goes into the role takes a lot of communication and hard work. We have learned a lot this year from the students and administrators helping us navigate the roles we have as Washington State Thespians.

Your Application will need to be accompanied with a letter of recommendation from an administrator that doesn't teach theatre arts.

[STO description](#)

[STO Application Form](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

On behalf of the Washington Thespians Board of Directors it's our pleasure to announce the four recipients for the Washington Thespians 2023 scholarships:

Ben Cooper - Joel E Ferris High School - Chris Karr Technical Scholarship
Brianna Robbins - Ridgefield High School - Petra Karr Leadership Scholarship
Carol Ritzenthaler - Ellensburg High School - Dana Brown Scholarship - Performance
Rozalyn Allen - Lewis & Clark High School - Dana Brown Scholarship - Theatre Educator

Congratulations to these deserving students. We wish you well on your continuing theatrical journey.

BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA & PARAMOUNT Discounts

Please promote these awesome Thespian perks to your theatre students and families!

[Print and post this flyer](#)

JUNIOR THESPIAN FESTIVAL:

Plans for a 2023 Junior Thespian Festival are in the works! If you are interested in helping to plan the festival—or if you are interested in having your troupe participate—please contact Julie Olsen at jolsen@asbschool.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2022-2023

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](#)

Mar 17 - 18, 2023 - State Thespian Festival

June 19 - 23, 2023 - ITF: International Thespian Festival

HELPFUL Guide to plan your year:

Here is a checklist created by Greg Pschirrer to help you stay organized throughout the year: [2022-2023 Thespian Event Checklist](#)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan continues to maintain our website to be user friendly. You can find an abundance of information by visiting: <https://www.wathespians.org/>

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](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Of course we all come to the theatre with baggage. The baggage of our daily lives, the baggage of our problems, the baggage of our tragedies, the baggage of being tired. It doesn't matter what age you are. But if our hearts get opened and released -- well that is what theatre can do, and does sometimes, and everyone is thankful when that happens.

- Vanessa Redgrave

Sincerely,

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