

“BIG Things Ahead!”

Washington State Jr. Thespians Festival 2011

Saturday, October 29, 2011; River Ridge High School, Lacey WA

About the Festival

Washington State Thespians is thrilled to announce our state's *first ever* Thespians Festival for students in grades six through nine! Our first festival's theme is *BIG Things Ahead!*—because our state's middle school students have BIG theatre opportunities ahead of them in high school and beyond! Now, we finally have a festival of our own that we hope will grow into a “gotta-go” event on your school's calendar!

The first ever WA State Jr. Thespians Festival will be a full day packed with theatre workshops, guest performances, and Individual Events (IE)—an opportunity for your students to perform for their peers and professional adjudicators. Your students will make new friends, develop their skills, and share the theatre experience with their teachers and peers. The Festival will also familiarize your students with our state's high school Thespians events as well as Jr. and Sr. High Thespians opportunities on the national level.

Festival FAQ's

Who may participate?

Any Washington State Middle School, Jr. High School, K-8, or K-12 students currently in grades 6-9. 6th graders in traditional K-6 elementary schools may participate as well. 9th graders in traditional 9-12 high schools should participate in the WA State Thespians Festival for high school students.

Can parents and other guests observe?

Parents and family members may pay \$5.00 per person at the registration desk on the day of the event.

When & Where?

Saturday, October 29 2011 at River Ridge High School in Lacey, WA. Check-in is at 8:30am, the first session will be at 9:00. Session schedules and event room information will be available at check-in.

How do I register?

Registration is online at www.washingtonthespians.org; click the events button. The registration deadline is **October 7th at 12:01am**. The late registration fee is \$100 and there will be no refunds once registration is posted. The per-person entry fee, for this inaugural year, is \$25 with or without membership of a Thespian Troupe. One teacher/sponsor may attend for free with each group. Payment may be made with either a PO or check, pre-mailed or brought in person. Payment may be made with either a PO or check, pre-mailed or brought in person.

What do I need to know at the time of registration?

Names of the student(s) registering, the Individual Event(s) each student will participate in, and all of the names of students involved in any group event.

What about lunch at the Festival?

Students should bring their own sack lunches & water bottles to this event.

What do I need to have on the day of the Festival?

When you check in on the morning of the Festival, please have each student's signed and completed emergency/media release form. These forms will be emailed to you after registration closes.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Ben Stuart, the WA State Jr. Thespians Festival Director, at btstuart@seattleschools.org or visit www.washingtonthespians.org for up-to-date information.

FESTIVAL COST OVERVIEW

- \$25 per student. Includes IE, workshops, and performances.
- \$5 per parent day of festival.
- 1 free admission for the teacher/sponsor per group.