

2017 – ITS State Conference

Conference Site: Central York HS, 601 Mundis Mill Rd, York PA. www.cyhspad.com

If you're doing Mapquest for directions, please be sure to use this address- it's a new building, and if not careful, you'd get directions for the 'old' Central York HS instead.

Hotel: Comfort Inn. 2250 N George St, York. Each room will have two queen size beds. Students will be grouped by fours.

Transportation: School bus – arranged through PMSD for transport on Thursday morning and throughout the weekend. It will transport us to the hotel, and Central York each morning and evening. ITS is covering the entire cost of transportation this year.

Meals: Thursday Lunch – depending on our departure time, students may have time to eat in the PMHS cafeteria. You may have to pack a lunch – to be determined closer to the departure date.

Breakfast –will be included at the hotel on Friday & Saturday morning.

Lunch & Dinner – will be provided at Central York beginning with Thursday dinner, and this is part of that registration fee, so no money is needed.

Snacks – you may bring your own snacks for at the hotel, but you CANNOT eat them in the auditorium. You can bring a tote bag or backpack with a few personal items – but please be respectful of the school rules & plan to eat during breaks, etc. There will also be a concessions area to buy snacks.

Rules: All school rules apply! We want you to have fun, but to do so in a way that is appropriate and reflects well on PM, our staff and the rest of our group. **THINK BEFORE YOU ACT & BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR!**

Remember that PM has a representative on the State Board, and we may have another one who is running for state board – participating in the conference is a privilege. I hope this won't be necessary – but you will be sent home if you cannot follow the rules. (Remember that behavior contract that you will sign – it's in this packet!)

*Students are expected to remain at the conference the entire time.

What to pack: Clothing that would be appropriate for school, a warm jacket, your show shirt(s) from past shows... (you'll also get a conference t-shirt). You may want a long sleeve shirt to stay warm & wear underneath the t-shirt...or something to layer. Pack lightly – it's only 2-3 nights away from home! *If you are participating in an audition/interview/IE – remember that you must dress professionally, and in ALL BLACK. You will be disqualified for not doing this.

Fees: -\$110-120 registration fee Deadline: 50% due when registering (by Sept 22)
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-Hotel costs - \$75 per student Deadline: November 1st
(covers the cost of each room for 3 nights, breakfast + 3% occupancy tax)

Activities & Events – we need to finalize the plans for:

- Tech Challenge** – techies participating should remember to pack black clothes!
We also need to practice – and assign roles for each team by task/expertise. If we place high enough, we can compete at the Tech Challenge at nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska in June!
- Make Up/ Hat Event** - We can only bring certain items along – there's a list on the PA thespians website – www.pathespians.com - need to pack them during club!
- STO Select** – must send in a rehearsal video of the number/scene to be selected by the state board at their fall meeting. Production number? Duet scene? Group acting? Talk to Mrs. Mintzer if you are interested in participating...

OPPORTUNITIES AT CONFERENCE:

- Workshop Sessions** on the topic of your choice on Friday & Saturday. (Mrs. Mintzer is involved with arranging all of the presenters – so your odds of getting your first choice is a good one!)
- Tech Challenge** – a tech team of 5-6 to compete in timed theatre tasks – previous tasks have included: hang & focus a light, scene change/prop placement, sew a button, knot tying, etc...
- Individual Events** – “competition” to qualify for nationals. See the rubrics and regulations at schooltheatre.org . In order to qualify to compete at Nationals, you need to earn a “Superior” rating at states. Excellent is not good enough! This is a BIG DEAL – and you need to prepare. If interested, you must name your category, and the name of your audition piece/show by October 1st. Mrs. Mintzer is the IE Coordinator for PA Thespians – so you need to meet with her to discuss your plans prior to the deadline!
- Access to college from across the country! JUNIORS: You can do a performance audition or technical interview-show them your portfolio.** This involves setting up an account with GetAccepted (purposely missing the “e”) and you must register for this by Oct 1st as well. Must also wear all black.
- Compete for scholarship money! SENIORS: If you are planning to major/minor in music or theatre, you can compete for \$500. Others are eligible for a \$100 cash award.** Performance scholarships and technical interviews – must be registered by September 22nd.

Paperwork: You need to turn in these separate items:

By September 22nd

- *Conference Registration Form to Mrs. M – indicating activities/IE's
- *50% registration fee. Make checks payable to “PMHS – ITS”
If you have \$ in your theatre fundraising account, see Mrs. Mintzer.
- *PM Field Trip Form – signed by all of your teachers (must have a C in all classes)
- *Consent and Acceptance form (rules/medical info)

By November 1st

- *Remaining balance for registration fee (50%, or fundraising credit used)
- *\$75 Balance due – Hotel Payment

Anything else? Let me know! - Mrs. M.

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