**Thespian Convention 2020**

**Thursday, Feb. 6 – Saturday, Feb. 8**

**Columbus, GA**

Thespian Convention (ThesCon) is the best three days of high school theatre in Georgia! The Georgia Thespian Conference features numerous productions presented by high schools from throughout the state. Plus, you'll be able to participate in a variety of workshops led by theatre professionals from around the country. And if that weren't enough, you also can perform or view individual performance and tech events, audition for scholarships, talk to college representatives from around the country, shop with commercial vendors selling theatre merchandise, and hang out with 3,500 other Georgia Thespians. https://gathespians.org/conference/

**In order to register for and attend ThesCon, each student must be a paid-in-full Drama Club member *AND* an Inducted Member of the Thespian Society. Ms. Day can help if you have any questions.**

**CONFERENCE COST – *ESTIMATED!!!***

The estimated cost for ThesCon 2020 is $275-$325. This includes conference registration (classes, shows, & most meals), transportation, hotel, and chaperone/driver costs. ***The exact cost will be determined by the number of drivers/chaperones needed once all students have made the first payment.***

 First Payment (**non-refundable**) $125\*/\*\*/\*\*\* due September 13

 Second Payment (**estimate**) $150 - $200 (**estimate**) due December 13

Students will need additional spending money for at least 2 meals (fast food) and any merchandise they may want to purchase from the various vendors.

\*New Thespian Society inductees will owe an additional $30 (total of $155).
\*\*Need-based conference grants ($125) are available. Application deadline to GA Thespians is September 7th. See Ms. Day for details.

\*\*\*After the first payment of $125 is paid, if needed, a payment plan may be arranged for the balance. All payments are due by December 13 *or the $125.00 deposit will be forfeited*. See Ms. Day for details.

**CHAPERONES/DRIVERS**

We will need 4-6 parent drivers/chaperones. Preference will be given to those with vehicles with more seating. If interested and available, please contact the Booster Club at wheeler.theatre.boosters@gmail.com.

***Exact cost will be determined after the first payment, once we know how many students are committed to attending.***

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Transportation**

Parent volunteers will provide transportation to and from Columbus and between the hotel and convention center while in Columbus.

**Parent Attendees**

Official WHS Drama Parent Driver/Chaperones will be registered to attend ThesCon. Registration includes all conference workshops, shows, and some meals. Only parents who are official drivers/chaperones may attend. Unfortunately, there is not enough space at the conference to take additional parents. Driver/Chaperones will be provided a double occupancy hotel room to be shared with a same gender chaperone/driver.

**Individual Events/Tech Challenge**

Commonly called IE’s, these events give theatre students from around the state opportunities to perform in solo, duet, or group dramatic or musical scenes.  Technical IE's allow tech students the opportunity to show what they know and display the work they've done. Students register for IEs and Tech Challenges on their own after the conference registration is complete. The price per IE is $20. One registration per student will be paid by Wheeler Drama, as long as the student(s) actually performs. If you choose not to perform, you will be expected to reimburse the drama program. **Registration is due to Georgia Thespians by Thursday, December 6.** Students interested in participating in IEs are responsible for receiving director’s approval, registering, and paperwork on their own. For more information, visit the Georgia Thespian IE Web site: https://gathespians.org/conference/ies/

**Scholarships/College Auditions**

Each year Georgia Thespians offers more than $24,500 in college scholarships to eleven senior Thespians.  Juniors and Seniors also have an opportunity at conference to audition for colleges and universities from across the nation. For more information, visit the Georgia Thespian Scholarships Web site: https://gathespians.org/conference/scholarships/