

### **Mandatory Orientation Meeting**

This is a new requirement this year. Everyone who is attending the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, along with a parent or guardian, is required to attend a mandatory orientation meeting. Our meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 17 at 7pm in the Auditorium.

### **Permission Forms**

Below are the MHS Field Trip Permission Form and the Mundelein Theatre Permission Form. These are due on Wednesday, January 9. If you have not turned in these forms, you cannot get on the bus. Remember, the teachers who need to sign are your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester teachers.

#### ***MHS Field Trip Permission Form* REQUIRED**

Fill in the following:

Field Trip Date - 1/11/2019

Destination - U of I at Urbana/Champaign

Field Trip Periods - All day

Requesting Teacher - Meier

Class Period - n/a

#### ***Mundelein Theatre Permission Form* REQUIRED**

### **Hotel Accommodations**

We are staying at the Candlewood Suites, 1917 Moreland Blvd., Champaign IL. There will be four to a room. Mr. Meier does room assignments.

### **Chaperones**

Chaperones for the trip are Mr. & Mrs. Meier, Mr. Harding and Mr. Basso.

### **Transportation**

We will leave MHS immediately after school on *Thursday, January 10*. We will return to school late on *Saturday, January 12*, probably around 10:00 PM. You can leave your car in the parking lot while you are gone. We will put all cars together in the north lot.

We will be traveling to U of I in a bus provided by Durham Transportation Services. While in Urbana/Champaign we will be transported by the same bus.

### **Luggage**

Please limit your luggage to one small suitcase and one backpack (or other small carry-on type thing). We will stack the suitcases in the luggage compartment under the bus, and you will keep your small bag with you. Pack light, we are only there for a short time. Layers are the key because you will be walking all over the U of I campus in the middle of winter. Bring comfortable clothes that you can move in (many of the workshops are interactive). Be sure to bring your Mundelein Theatre Gear.

When you arrive at school on the morning of our departure, you will leave both your suitcase and your carry-on in the theatre. All student luggage must be tagged with the name of the student. MHS Administrators and Security personnel will go through a cursory check with each bag unless a closer look is necessary. We understand that are our students are responsible, caring and bright young people yet we want to ensure the safety of all students as best as possible.

### **Meals**

We will be providing dinner Thursday on the bus on the way down to U of I. We usually order from Subway. We will be providing breakfast at the hotel on Friday morning. We will stop for breakfast on Saturday morning on the way to the festival. This will be paid for by Mundelein Theatre. You are responsible for all other meals, so bring some cash. Rooms at the Candlewood do have microwaves.

### **Rules**

Curfew during the festival is *midnight*. This is consistent with the other schools attending and is the guideline set forth by the Illinois Theatre Association. Curfew means that you are in *your own room*. We will be conducting a bed check each evening.

*All MHS school rules apply while you are on the trip.* This includes the dress code. Infractions will result in a call to your parents and an unceremonious bus trip home (at your expense). Attending the festival is a privilege. My expectation is that you will comport yourselves in a manner in which you will do yourselves, your parents and your school proud. The chaperones will set up check-in times during the day to make sure that everything is OK and you are safe and sound.

### **Medication**

There are new guidelines regarding bringing medication on field trips. If needed please make sure that the School Medication Authorization Form is filled out with plenty of time to spare prior to the trip.

### **Planning & Itinerary**

Be organized. The schedule for workshops and plays will be posted on the Fesr website, and on the Fest App in December. Use your Festival Plan Sheet to do some advance planning. Pick out the shows and workshops you most want to attend. You also need to be flexible because you may not be able to get a ticket to the show you want or the workshop you want to attend may be filled up once you get there. Always have a second choice for everything.

When we arrive at U of I we will go straight to the campus for our opening ceremony. When that is finished, we will proceed to the hotel and check in. We will then have our evening meeting to distribute show tickets and other festival details.

On Friday morning we will have breakfast, then depart for U of I, usually by 7:30 am. Students will have the entire day to attend shows, workshops and visit vendors and colleges. Students will check in with their chaperones via text at designated times throughout the day. We will meet as a group at approximately 6 pm in the lobby of the Krannert Center. Students then go to their evening activities. We meet in the lobby of the Krannert Center at 11:30 pm and return to the hotel.

On Saturday morning we depart again at 7:30 am and go to breakfast. We then proceed back to U of I for more shows and workshops. We will meet at 2 pm to attend the All-State show (*In the Heights*). At the completion of the show we board the bus for home. We will stop for dinner en route, usually at a fine dining establishment in Central Illinois (Steak & Shake). Arrival time at MHS is usually around 10 pm.

### **Have Fun!**

Attend as many workshops and productions as you can. There are over 4,000 high school theatre geeks (just like you) at this event. Make new friends, learn new things, show everyone in Illinois that MUNDELEIN THEATRE ROCKS!