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Hello, Moon Area High School Theatre students!

If you are reading this, then you are interested in joining the new MAHS chapter of the International Thespian Society, Troupe #2484! In the coming weeks, I would like to begin gathering information from all of you concerning your involvement in theatre as it pertains to earning initial points and determining eligibility for the society.

Don't panic at the mention of "points" - initial membership into the troupe only requires ten points, which you will likely have earned during your freshman year alone. Rather than flood you with the entire points system and complicate things, I have prepared a simple form for you to complete. At the bottom of this letter you will see a list of all eligible "roles" and "activities" that can earn you points. Then, on the form, all you need to do is list all applicable roles and activities you have participated in *since your last day of eighth grade*. This is important. If you are not sure if something qualifies to be added, add it anyway. I will sort out any "maybes" with you individually as I tally your points.

"What happens after that?" you may be asking. Well, if you earn the required ten points for induction, you will receive a letter congratulating you and inviting you to join the troupe. The induction fee is only \$35, which entitles you to lifetime membership in the organization. Once you accept and the induction fees are paid, there will be an induction ceremony. I am working VERY hard to set this up BEFORE the end of this school year, but at the very least we will at least have a gathering where you are recognized and receive your certificates and pins. Moving forward, a formal induction and awards ceremony will be held each spring.

Awards? Yes, awards! In addition to earning your induction certificate and pin, you will also receive additional awards each year as you participate in more theatre. This comes in the form of an almost military-like star-and-bar rank system that essentially results in bragging rights over how big of a theatre nerd you are. More information on that another time.

For now, here is the list of roles and experiences that can be included in your application!

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Point-Qualifying Roles

Cast Member
Understudy or Swing
Stage Manager
Lighting/Sound Board Operator
Stage Crew (Craft)
Set Design
Set Construction
Costume Designer
Costume Crew
Props Manager
Props Crew
Makeup Designer/Manager
Musician (Pit)
House Crew/Lobby Crew/Usher
Student Director
Playwright (Produced)
Playwright (Unproduced)
Participant in Theatre Festival
Attended a Theatre Festival
Club Officer (President, VP, Treasurer, or Historian)
Attended a Play
Attended a Musical

Here is the eligibility form.

***You may make an editable copy of this OR you may print, fill out, and scan/email it. It MUST be emailed, as I am not often at the school to pick up hard copies.*

Eligibility Forms are due to me at sdoremus@moonarea.net by the end of the day on **May 10th, 2024**. Once I have them and have added up the points, we'll go from there! I am really looking forward to this next step in MAHS Theatre becoming bigger, better, and more exciting for years to come!

Love and Joy,

-Mr. D