

To the Parents/Guardians of _____,

The theatre department at Strawberry Crest is excited to have your child attending the District 9 Individual Event Festival.

Individual Events is a one-day festival that will be held at Blake High School on Saturday, October 23 from 7:30 AM until 8:30 PM. At the festival, students from all over the district come to perform and watch various theatrical events. This festival does not require students to stay after school for rehearsal, although I have arranged two afternoons as days in which students can stay to practice their pieces and receive feedback from myself and their peers. Attendance on these days is recommended, but not required. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the festival. **The festival cost \$35.00 plus \$5.00 per event for students to attend and this fee is due - September 15.** Lunch will be provided, but students should bring money to purchase dinner and/or snacks.

In order to help get information out to students and stay in touch at the festival, I use the Band app. This is a free app and has proven very useful in the past. The following rules are enforced:

1. No messages before 7 AM or after 9 PM.
2. All messages and material must be kept PG (ie. No offensive language or joking allowed)
3. No excessive posting (or flooding) to the chat
4. Student names/usernames must be school appropriate.
5. Chat must be used for questions and comments *relevant* to the current event.

Students who violate the chat rules are removed from the chat. **If you do not wish for your child to be a part of the chat, please check the box on the form below.** If you have questions or concerns about the chat, please contact me.

Because this is a school function, all school rules and policies are still enforced at the festival. I also hold very high expectations of the students in our troupe and expect them to represent Strawberry Crest well. To clarify, this means students must:

1. Behave in a respectful and appropriate manner to everyone at the festival.
2. Take direction from and listen to all adults present.
3. Stay on the campus for the entire duration of the festival.
4. Exhibit perfect audience etiquette.
5. Support all members of the troupe by attending their performances (if able).
6. Stay with at least one member of our troupe at all times.
7. Communicate clearly with me about their whereabouts and check in regularly/ as requested.

Students are also expected to also adhere to school dress code when choosing their outfit for the day. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate audition/rehearsal attire, but it *does not* have to be all black. Students should avoid excessive jewelry, tight or revealing clothes, ripped jeans, uncomfortable shoes, and visible undergarments.

Attending festivals is a great opportunity to learn, strengthen and form friendships, and have fun. However, it is a privilege and a responsibility as well. I cannot always be with every student simply by the design of the festival and trust them to behave appropriately. Therefore, any student who does not abide by the rules or causes any issues whatsoever will not be invited to attend any other festivals during the year or in the future.

Because of the small size of the rooms and the large attendance numbers of performing teens, chaperones, and directors at the festival, outside attendance of family is discouraged and restricted. We will have a showing of the events at our school at a later date if you wish to see your child perform on stage. If you absolutely must see your child perform at the festival, please contact me about being a chaperone for the day. Otherwise, day passes cost \$20 *cash* per person, are only available to those 21 or older, and I must be notified by Sept. 15 if you wish to purchase passes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email. Would you and your child please sign the attached portion of this letter and return it to me with the festival fee by Sept. 15? Form and fee are required for registration.

Sincerely,

B. Walburn
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IE Contract - Sign and Return with Payment

I understand the cost of the festival is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 per event which must be paid by the date given. I understand that the festival is a school event and I must adhere to school policies and Mrs. Walburn's rules while attending.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

I understand the cost of the festival is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 per event and failure to pay this will result in my child being placed on the debt list. I understand the expectations required of my child at the festival.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Phone Number _____ Call _____ OR Text _____

Email _____ I **do not** want my child added to the Band chat.