

Virginia Thespian Festival 2026 is here!



Who?

Any inducted/non-inducted Thespian in grades 9-12

→ All Beetlejuice cast/crew will be eligible for induction in December!

What?

→ The Virginia Thespian Festival is a remarkable celebration of the performing arts, boasting a rich history of nurturing young talents and fostering a vibrant theatre community. With its impressive lineup of events and opportunities, this festival has earned its reputation as the largest and most prestigious high school theatre gathering in the state.

When?

January 9-11, 2026

→ We will leave from HHS as a group early on Jan 9 and arrive back at HHS on Jan 11 in the evening

Where?

→ Capital One Hall & Hilton Hotel

→ McLean, VA (Tyson's Corner area)

How?

→ Festival Registration: \$235/per student (Non-inducted members: \$255)

◆ This covers 3 days of festival activities

◆ Everyone who attends receives a festival t-shirt!

→ Hotel(2 nights): \$90.50/per student (4 students/room)

◆ If your student has special rooming accommodation needs, please contact Mrs. Batchelor ASAP. There are strict rules regarding gender and rooming for overnight, school-sponsored trips.

→ **Current Total: \$325.50**

◆ *HPAT is currently researching the most affordable transportation options. The cost of transportation will be split between all attending people attending VTF. I imagine it will be about \$100-150 additional.*

→ Your student will need money for meals, drinks, and snacks. Food trucks are available during all meal times. Most of these meals cost between \$15-20 per meal. There are also restaurants and Wegman's within walking distance as

other food options. All students must walk with an adult to food options off the festival campus/hotel grounds.

→ There is a Thespian store available during the festival full of theatre swag. They sell everything from stickers to hoodies. Some “fun money” might be wanted, but not needed.

★ **There is a MANDATORY parent meeting for any student attending VTF on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30pm in the theatre classroom.**

Why?

→ VTF is a truly awesome theatrical experience!

★ Students have an absolute ball learning new things and being completely immersed in theatre!

- Stage combat, special effect make-up, vocal techniques, making props, set design - there are SO many options
- Seeing a variety of one-act and full-length play and musical productions
- Opportunities to audition for scholarships!
- Audition for hundreds of colleges AT ONCE instead of submitting audition material individually (total cost saver!)
- Thespys are a chance to show off their own talent and feedback from the experts!
- Meet thousands of other high school theatre students from all over the state, creating lasting connections and friendships, and receiving support from everyone! It is really one of the most friendly, all-inclusive, no judgment, and continuously positive atmospheres all weekend long!!

[Check out the VA Thespians website to get more details!](#)