

Creative Outlet Theatre Club

Prattville Junior High School

Sponsors: Mrs. Melissa Strickland (8th- Drama Room)

Purpose: The purpose of the Creative Outlet Theatre Club is to foster appreciation, knowledge, and support of the performing arts, particularly theatre arts. Activities vary each school year. Some activities may include the following:

- Acting/scene work—and participating in the fall showcase, ACT competition, and school productions
- Creating/building sets and props for the spring play or other theatre-related productions
- Working and participating in fundraisers and volunteer opportunities if needed
- Meeting as a group to see productions at PHS or other local theatres
- Eligibility to go on a field trip (2) to Alabama Shakespeare Festival to see a production (separate cost)

Fall Showcase/ACT Competition/Spring Play: I know many of you will want to be involved in the fall showcase, competition, and spring play. Theatre club members are not required to do any of them, but it will certainly be great if you want to help or participate! NOTE: cast members for all productions will be determined by audition; crew members will be determined by application. Audition and application dates will be in September. All students at PJHS will be allowed to participate in performances even if they are not in the Creative Outlet Club.

Club Dues: There is a club due of \$35 per school year. This MUST be paid by **Wed., Sept. 4, 2024**. Club dues will be used primarily to pay for induction into the International Thespian Society (see below) if earned and to purchase items for theatre activities. This money will go into the club account. **Dues will be paid on GoFan so that students do not have to bring money to school. The QR code is on the back, or the link address is below.**

Club T-Shirts: Club dues also includes a t-shirt for Creative Outlet Club, which can be worn for the yearbook club photo, on activity days, for field trips, and for group attendance at other theatre productions.

International Thespian Society (ITS): Mrs. Strickland has a PJHS ITS junior troupe! Students **who join club** and participate in theatre activities will be considered Junior Thespian apprentices and will start earning ITS points. Once the student has earned the appropriate points (10), he or she will be honored at an induction at the end of the year into the PHJS troupe. There are many ways to earn points, and for those students who are interested in continuing theatre at the high school, this is a great way to start with points toward the PHS thespian troupe (or another high school with a troupe.) Students will earn points through attending theatre, doing volunteer work, acting or technical areas, etc. There will be more detailed ITS info given when the student joins the club.

Field Trips: We will go on two field trips to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Money and forms for the first field trip will be due in on **Wednesday, Oct. 16**. Cost is usually around \$35 and includes lunch.

- ✓ If a student does not pay the club dues, is failing classes, or has behavior or attendance issues, the sponsor reserves the right to remove the student from the club and/or not allow participation in activities or field trips.
- ✓ In addition, parents need to pick up students PROMPTLY from any activities; Please keep in mind that Mrs. Strickland has other obligations, appointments, and family needs, and cannot stay an extra 30-60 minutes to wait for students to be picked up. Mrs. Strickland is also respectful of parents' time, and will end rehearsals on time.

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