

Peters Township High School
Thespian Troupe #185

Troupe Officers:

President: Julie Henderson
Vice-President: Jo Myers
Secretary: Justin Mattes
Treasurer: Grace Collins
Social Chairs: Niko Spiteri & Joe Feitt
Historian: Gracelyn Blasey

Troupe Sponsor: Mrs. Lorraine Mszanski

Student/Parent Handbook – Important Highlights 2026-2027

(A full copy of the handbook is available on the Backer's website & in the Band App Files)

Active Membership:

Students wishing to participate in troupe activities, voting, and the end-of-year banquet must maintain an "Active Member" status. The following criteria have been set forth to define an "Active Member":

- The student has paid the PTSD activity fee by the October meeting. *If a student is new to the troupe after this date (i.e., joins for the musical), the \$10 Activity Fee must be paid no later than February 1st.*
- The student has missed three (3) or fewer regular troupe meetings.
- The student has participated in at least two (2) troupe fundraisers.
- The student has attended at least one (1) night of each production if not acting in the show or working on one of the tech teams. Sign-in sheets will be provided at each performance.
- The student has participated in at least one (1) production in the form of an on-stage or off-stage role. This includes tech building days.
- The student's behavior follows the school's code of conduct.

Meetings:

- **Regular Meetings:** Regular, after-school meetings will take place *every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2:30 p.m.* in the auditorium and will last approximately 30-45 minutes. Students are expected to attend all monthly meetings. Attendance will be taken by the troupe secretary.

Points, Induction, and Honors Rankings:

Throughout the year, students in the Thespian Troupe work to earn points. The following guidelines and rules must be followed when earning and recording points:

- Points are only awarded with the approval of the sponsor. A google form will be shared with the students so they can report any out of school activities (Please see attached sheet for approved activities). They will no longer be able to email the sponsor to report points. The google form must be used.
- Documentation is required for out of school activities not sponsored by the troupe.
- A maximum of ten (10) points per year may be earned for outside theatre participation.
- A maximum of five (5) points may be awarded for middle school production participation during the first year that a student joins the high school thespian troupe.
- Students will not earn points for roles in high school productions during their elementary or middle school years.
- The show directors have the sole authority to define roles of the show (*i.e. Major Role, Supporting Role, Minor Role, etc.*)
- Points will be awarded according to approximate time devoted for participation in the set crew. Time not approved by the sponsor, stage manager, or other assigned party will not be counted.
- In the points system on the following page, 1 point = approximately 10 hours.
- The point system reflects the **maximum** number of points earned for each activity.
- Full points will not be awarded unless the student participates in mandatory clean-up of theatre and storage areas after each show.
- Points will be recorded by the troupe sponsor on official point reporting sheets. Points will be posted shortly after each troupe activity or show.
- One point is recorded for participation in each fundraiser.
- Membership must be earned by participating in *at least one production*. ***(For example, a freshman earning a total of 10 points by earning 5 points for middle school participation and 5 miscellaneous points would not be eligible for membership.)***

Peters Township High School Thespian Troupe #185 Point System (updated September 2021)

	One Act	Full Length
Acting		
Major Role	5	10
Supporting Role	4	8
Minor Role	3	5
Chorus	1	3
Understudy	1	2
Production		
Stage Manager	5	10
Student Director	5	10
Run Crew (play)	1	2
Run Crew (musical)	3	5
Head Lighting	3	6
Lighting Crew	2	3
Head Sound	3	6
Sound Crew	2	3
Set Crew	2	4
Makeup Head	3	5
Makeup Crew	0.5 per night	1 per night
Video / Editing	1	1
Props Crew	2	4
Costume Crew	2	4
House Manager	3	6
Usher	0.5 per night	0.5 per night
Choreographer	3	6
Musician/Pit	2	4
Dance Captain	3	6
Play Reading Committee	4	8
Writing (Works original AND produced)		
Play	5	10
Radio/TV Script	4	6

Coffeehouse	
Host	8
Skit /Act	3 (+1 for each add'l)
Stage Manager	4
Student Director	4
House Manager	3
Tech Crew	1 per night
Run Crew	0.5 per night
Wait staff	0.5 per night

PA Thespian Conference

Participation Special Activity	3 per activity
Attendance at Conference	1 per day

(Must be present all show nights to earn maximum points on Run Crew)
 Set crew must sign in and out with the proper person or points will not be recorded. 2/5 represent the maximum # of points that may be earned for crew.

Miscellaneous*	
Middle School	7 th – 2; 8 th - 3
Board Member	5
Win Scholarship for Performance	1
Participation in community theatre (without an entrance fee)	2
Attending Professional Show	1 per show
Attending College or HS Show	0.5 per show
*A maximum of 5 miscellaneous points per year may be recorded in addition to the five middle school points for brand new members.	

Level of Honors
Membership/Induction – 10 points earned
Honor Thespian – 60 points earned
National Honor Thespian – 120 points earned
International Honor Thespian – 180 points earned

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

Please fill out this page and return it to the troupe sponsor along with the Student Activity Form and a check for \$10 payable to “PTSD”. All three things should be placed in an envelope. Please return as soon as possible; no later than October 14th 2026.

Student Name _____ Current Grade Level _____

Student Email address _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____ (home or cell)

Parent/ Guardian e-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address _____

Statement of Understanding and Integrity:

I, _____, have read the student handbook and I understand all of the terms. I know that in order to participate in end of year activities, I need to maintain active membership status by missing **no more than 3 meetings** and participating in at least **2 (two) fundraisers**. I understand how points may be earned, and I acknowledge that the troupe sponsor must approve all points. I also understand that the directors have the sole responsibility to assign a role as “major role, supporting role, etc.” If my behavior at any event is considered unprofessional, inappropriate, or does not adhere to the guidelines of the PTHS Handbook, I will be asked to leave the event immediately, and participation in later events may not be granted. *I will always do my best to represent the thespian troupe and the school theatre program in the most positive way possible.*

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature