

April 1, 2020

Dear NJ Junior Thespian Community,

It is with deepest sadness that we inform you of our unprecedented plans to cancel the 2020 NJ Junior Thespian Festival at Toms River High School North. We know that the anticipation of our 2020 festival has brought joy into your lives. And, after an entire year of planning, our NJ Junior Thespian State Board is sad to share this news. Please understand that this ultimate decision was extremely difficult, and we all share in this tremendous uncertainty.

It is not because of fear that we cancel, but with the hope that you will stay home and take care of yourself and your loved ones. Our NJ Junior Thespian State Board acknowledges that many schools reopening dates are still unconfirmed, and the possibility of delaying registration or postponing the festival is not an option. Ultimately, we feel that the safety and well-being of Junior Thespians across the state is of the utmost importance.

That being said, NJ Junior Thespians is still committed to providing a place for students, teachers, and thespians to celebrate theatre on May 16, 2020.

In place of our in-person festival, we will be offering a way to celebrate our festival from the comfort of your own living room. Thespians of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate. Stay tuned for scheduling and updates for our online offering on May 16. Stay healthy, well, and active. And, see you all at the theatre soon (virtually of course)!

Sincerely,

Veda Rouze
NJ Junior Thespian Coordinator

Carolyn Little
NJ Thespian Chapter Director

and the NJ Junior Thespian State Board

