

Course Title: Drama

Level: MS/HS

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Description: "All the world's a stage, and the men and women merely players." ~Shakespeare

MS/HS Drama is a fine arts course that encompasses a thorough introduction to the dramatic arts. The class is structured to provide the student with a basis in theatre skills, to offer a creative outlet, and to produce well-rounded performers. The class is primarily performance-based, with the belief that students learn best while doing, rather than by observing. There are two performances during the year for the students to demonstrate what they have learned and to experience the exhilaration of the interaction between actors and audience. A thorough introduction to stagecraft includes: stage terminology, improvisation, mime, vocal technique, audition preparation, and character development. High school level students will also be required to participate in the arenas of stage and props management and costume, light, and sound design.

Additional info:

Grades will be given to high school students who are seeking to earn a credit for the course. Other students will be issued a score if requested

by the parent. Grades will be based on participation in all required activities, as well as attitude displayed.

Additional Class Fees (if any): Final fee TBD based on the cost of purchasing scripts. However, a minimum of \$50 for set construction, etc. will be required.

Required Supplies: None

Prerequisites: None

Homework Requirements: Students desiring to earn a role in either of the productions will be required to memorize their lines. In addition, those students who participate in a support crew (costumes, props, backstage, sound, lighting, etc.) will also be required to complete some measure of research and assignments dependent on the responsibilities given.

Additional Course Information: At some point in both the fall and spring productions, additional rehearsals will be required. These will be held immediately after the conclusion of normal co-op hours on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15pm. These rehearsals will be mandatory for all participants, as they will be the only times that the entire cast/crew will be able to rehearse together. The exact dates will be announced in August.