

# Theatre I

Mrs. Barclay

Welcome to Theatre I, you have gained the opportunity to learn the elementary ideas and processes in the theatrical world. From here you'll have the basic foundation to move on into more in depth ideas and processes of acting, or technical theatre. It will be up to you however to put forth the effort if you want to get something out of this class. Each and every person is responsible for contributing to the collective success of the class.

Show your Cardinal RED:

- **Respect: Be prepared** every day. Success comes when preparation meets opportunity.
- **Excellence: Taking pride** in our self and our work under all circumstances. Take each opportunity provided to you to learn and grow.
- **Excellence: Be self-disciplined** to do all that is required of you without reservation or hesitantly. Without being asked or receiving recognition, do what will help you and those around you.
- **Determination: Be committed** to all aspects of Acting. Go the extra mile to do what is needed to make yourself the best you can be.
- **HAVE FUN** Acting is a great way to expand your comfort zone and grow. Don't be afraid to be the first one to try something because you may find it's a whole lot more fun than you anticipated.

By following these simple guides we can look forward to a year of success.

## Classroom Goals:

- Learn the parts of the stage.
- Learn a brief bit of the history of theatre.
- Learn memorization techniques, and how to function as part of an acting team.
- Learn about the various different forms and functions in theatre.
- Learn the basic principles behind facial expressions, and how to use them.

## Classroom Rules:

- Respect the rights of others
  - No Foul Language.
  - If it's not yours, do not touch unless directed to do so.
  - Everyone has the right to learn. Even if you don't think something is important or you already know the information, another student may feel otherwise. Give them the chance to learn and grow.
- There is no food, drink, gum, candy or anything in the classroom, at any time. You may have a bottle of water with a lid. This is a school policy.
- Clothing must follow the schools dress code.
- No Cell Phones, Ipods or MP3 players of any kind. If I see it, it is mine until the end of class. The next offense, it's mine for the whole day, Third time and it goes to the office.

### **Classroom Expectations:**

- Students are expected to come to class prepared and with an open mind. This means having your own paper and writing utensils for notes, and assignments done in class.
- Show up to class on time.
- Be Self Disciplined. Do not rely on the person next to you for your part of the class from taking notes to doing the acting onstage.
- Stay on task. Do not let others keep you from learning.
- If you miss class you are responsible for obtaining the notes from another student first. If you still do not understand them or have questions, talk to Mrs. Barclay for clarification. If you are ill and unable to participate in classroom activities be sure to talk to Mrs. Barclay BEFORE class has started.
- Raise your hand. Everyone needs the opportunity to ask questions and talk, be considerate of others around you.

### **Grades:**

Every assignment, test, project, and activity is averaged into a grade/point value to come up with an assessment of the students work in class. Grades are not given, students earn them.

You will be given participation points every week, these count for 10% of your grade.

This is a performance included class, participation in acting activities is a MUST.

### **Attendance and Effort:**

Students are expected to show up on time every day. (check your EHS planner for guidelines on missed days) Acting exercises done in class can not be made up. You must participate to get the points.

### **Movies:**

We will be watching parts of, and some full movies filmed on stage. Seeing other actors work is important to understanding the acting process, especially professionals. If you are absent during a movie it is your responsibility to find a way to get the information from the movie in some other way.

If you have any questions or ever need any help I am available before and after school in my office.

Do not come see me during class without a note from your teacher first!