

2010-2011 Holly Springs High School Theatre Arts Classes

Theatre Arts I: Offered Fall and Spring Semesters. Theatre Arts I is a semester long class open to all students. Students perform in class presentations including: oral interpretation; monologues; scenes; storytelling; mime; and commercials. Students are also introduced to the art of stagecraft as they create make-up, costume and set designs. Each student must purchase a make-up kit for \$17.00. Financial Assistance is available for those who ask.

Theatre Arts II: Offered Fall and Spring Semesters. Theatre Arts II follows Theatre Arts I and is for students who wish to continue their exploration of theatre arts. It is a more detailed study of theatre vocabulary, reading and writing of theatre literature, acting, and technical theatre. The acting experience in Theatre Arts II furthers the exploration of the concepts of self, body and voice work, improvisation, acting techniques, and reading and writing. In addition, students analyze and critique work developed by themselves or other students, as well as that generated throughout history and in various cultures. Students enrolled in Theatre Arts II are required to participate after-school during production week, at the end of the semester. Students will perform in a Full-Length non-musical, main-stage production prior to final exams.

Theatre Arts III: Offered Fall and Spring Semesters. Theatre Arts III follows Theatre Arts II and is for students who wish to continue to study and develop their knowledge of theatre arts on a more challenging level. This course involves the applied study of theatre vocabulary, reading and writing of theatre literature, acting, and technical theatre. Acting experience in Theatre Arts III continues and refines the exploration of the concepts of self, body and voice work, improvisation, acting techniques, and reading and writing. In addition, students begin to practice individual analysis and critiquing of student work to develop a personal understanding of theatre arts by utilizing the knowledge base gained in previous study. Students enrolled in Theatre Arts III are required to participate after-school during production week, at the end of the semester. Students will perform in a Full-Length non-musical, main-stage production prior to final exams.

Theatre Arts IV: Offered Fall and Spring Semesters. Theatre Arts IV follows Theatre Arts III and is for students who wish to complete the broad-based study of theatre arts. Through more independent study and increased production responsibilities, study in Theatre Arts IV involves the application of expertise prepared for and acquired in previous theatre arts studies. Analysis of theatre processes, self-motivation, personal discipline and more demanding projects in directing, design, and writing are emphasized. The acting experience in Theatre Arts IV concludes the exploration of the concepts of self, body and voice work, improvisation, acting techniques, and reading and writing. Independent work in this course develops commitment, helps students form aesthetic judgments and refine artistic choices. Students enrolled in Theatre Arts III are required to participate after-school during production week, at the end of the semester. Students will perform in a Full-Length non-musical, main-stage production prior to final exams.

Technical Theatre I: Offered Spring Semester. Technical Theatre I students will become acquainted with several selected areas of theatre emphasizing presentation and technical work. Students will gain knowledge and appreciation of technical theatre. Providing technical design and fabrication for public and in-class performances will be a central feature of this class. Students will be expected to invest time out of class for class projects. Students will be assessed on their production capabilities and production support both in terms of process and the final production. Students enrolled in Technical Theatre I are required to serve as Backstage Crew for the Spring Musical and Play.

Technical Theatre II: Offered Fall Semester. Technical Theatre II students will continue exploring areas of theatre emphasizing presentation and technical work. Students enrolled in Technical Theatre II are required to serve as Backstage Crew for the Fall Play.

Independent Study: Offered Fall and Spring Semester. Requires recommendation from Mr. Buttner. Students enrolled in an independent study section explore Acting, Directing, Technical Theatre, or Playwriting. Acting Independent Study students will further their acting study while cast in the main-stage production. Directing Independent Study students will direct a number of One-Act plays to showcase at the end of the semester. They will also serve as Assistant Director to Mr. Buttner for the main-stage production.

Questions: Email Mr. Buttner at mbuttner@wcpss.net

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