

Grade 8 Drama 2015-2016

Ms. Reimer

Welcome to Grade 8 drama class at MBCI! I am glad you have chosen to explore the world of theater. This year you will have the opportunity to develop your creativity, challenge yourself, become a stronger performer, face your fears and have a lot of fun in the process!

The goal of this class is to prepare you to be:

- ✦ Effective and confident public speakers
- ✦ Creative thinkers
- ✦ Strong storytellers
- ✦ Believable performers
- ✦ Respectful and discerning audience members



Things we will do:

- ✦ Basic Drama Skills -Develop basic staging, improvisation, public speaking, and collaboration skills
- ✦ Movement and Expression - Explore how movement and voice can change the meaning of what is being communicated.
- ✦ Story Building - Create and performing original and scripted scenes.
- ✦ Character Building: Develop a character based on a monologue and present the monologue
- ✦ Middle School Chapels Skits
- ✦ Attend Improve Exposition for MBCI Mennonuts Improve Team
- ✦ Present Skits to Other Schools/Venues (TBD)
- ✦ Celebration of Learning Demonstration

My expectations:

- ✦ Students are expected to arrive on class on time.
- ✦ Food and drinks are not part of the drama environment unless permission is given.
- ✦ Respect for the other members of the class, the teacher, the classroom and yourself is essential.
- ✦ Students are expected to be willing to try new things. You are encouraged to be creative, think critically and stay open minded. All these ideas count towards your participation grade.
- ✦ Have lines and blocking memorized by assigned date
- ✦ Complete A-MUSE entries, as requested
- ✦ Help keep the Drama Storage Room neat & Tidy. If you huck it, you will muck it out!

Evaluation: (each Term will consist of the following criteria)

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| Performances ----- | 60% |
| Skills (Group and Individual) ----- | 20% |
| Listening, Participation, Effort, Exposition Attendance ----- | 10% |
| A-Muse----- | 10% |
| Positive Attitude ----- | Priceless |

A-MUSE

WHAT WILL GO IN YOU'RE A-Muse

- a. Reflections
- b. TV/Movie Reviews
- c. Diagrams of scenes & blocking
- d. Costume concepts
- e. Self assessments
- f. Answers to questions
- g. Youtube videos Reviews
- h. And, whatever the teacher asks ☺



NEED TO KNOWS

- a. All entries must be dated
- b. All entries must be double-spaced. They may be hand written or typed.
- c. Entries are a minimum of 1 page in length.
- d. A-Muse Entries will be due for a prescribed date. Failure to submit the entry at the requested time will result in a deduction of 5% per day.
- e. Entries will be completed in your A-Muse Notebook. I will have a copy of the reflection, question, assessment or assignment on my teacher webpage and in the drama room office. If you are absent for a A-Muse, you are still responsible for making it up.

The RA will be evaluated several times throughout the Term/Year

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Your A-Muse is worth **10%** of your final grade in each term