Productions Company

Mrs. Day

**Course Description**

This course is designed as an advanced theatre course. It is an in-depth look at several of the aspects of theatre through production and performance. Students will explore ensemble theatre, musical theatre and theatre production. Much class time will be spent in preparation for class productions and region/state theatre competitions. We will discover, through our study of theatre, how to better present ourselves, broaden our talents, and work as a team and to improve our communication with our peers. Students will be expected to perform inside and outside of class in groups and on their own. This class will have numerous rehearsals (some early morning and some afterschool) and numerous performances beyond class time. Short clips from various media will be used to demonstrate areas of curriculum. Students will discover, through their study of theatre, how to better present their selves and improve communication with their peers.

**Materials Needed Daily**

* Notebook for taking notes and/or quizzes
* Any assignment due that day
* Pen/pencil
* Positive attitude
* Energy
* Clothing you can move in

**Classroom expectations**

**Be punctual**

This includes punctually attending class and going to the restroom between class periods, in addition to timely completion of activities and assignments.

**Be prepared**

This includes choosing to learn. You are expected daily to bring needed materials and assignments. You will also need to dress appropriately for class by wearing clothing the easily allows movement.

**Be Respectful**

You and your classmates have a right to learn and the instructor has a right to teach. Listen and follow the directions of the instructor and maintain honesty and integrity in all of your dealings, plagiarism will not be tolerated.

**Be Positive**

Always give 100%. Display a positive attitude by fully participating in every activity, and excellence effort in every performance is expected.

Compliance with the above expectations will lead to a successful experience for everyone in the classroom. Failure to meet the expectations will affect you grade, citizenship, and possible removal from class

**Important Dates**

September 15 Star Spangled Bi-Centennial

October 29-30 Halloween Show

January 14-15 Evening on Broadway

March 3-8 Possible Tour

March 24, 26 Region Events

April 15 State Showcase

April 16-18 State Competition

May 15-16 Final Project

June 2 Dinner

**Grading**

Up to 5 daily work points can be earned each day through: actively listening and/or watching, participating in group or solo work, and respecting others ideas and abilities. This is assessed through weekly learning blogs. In addition to daily work, points will be earned for taking notes, completing assignments, quizzes, tests and performances. The points will be converted to percentages and the percentages will be assigned a letter grade according to the school grading policy. All assignments are due at the beginning of the period the day specified. Please check grades online regularly so we can fix errors or mistakes in a timely manner.

**Citizenship**

Citizenship is done according to BE policy and is separate from your letter grade.

**Make up Work**

Missed work must be made up within one week. The same 1 week rule applies to missed tests. You are responsible to find out what was missed. Often when you are absent, there is no way to make up the activities, discussions and interactions that took place. In case an alternative assignment will be given. You are strongly encouraged to use your BEE time wisely to make up work or get additional help.

**The following requirements need to be met to successfully complete this course**

Successful completion of all class assignments and participation in daily activities

Attendance and participation in all class production rehearsals

Attendance and participation in all class productions

Completion of learning blog entries

See or read two plays a trimester and submit 2 play reports

**How to do a Play Report**

You are to see or read two plays a trimester. These do not include the plays we see or read as a class. Each play report is worth 100 points

In order to do a proper report on a performance, this report must be turned in within a week of the performance. If the report is not turned in by the deadline, it will be worth half credit.

The report must follow the below requirements:

* It must be typed
* Ticket or program must be stapled to the paper.
* Your name, class period, play, playwright, producing organization in the upper left hand corner.
* 1-2 paragraph plot summary

*Identify the plot structure elements in the story. What is the story of the play?*

* 1-2 paragraph character analysis

*Pick one of the pivotal characters in the production and discuss their use of body, voice and believability. Identify specific reasons why you enjoyed their performance. What moments in the production were meaningful and memorable?*

* 1 paragraph personal reaction

*Did you enjoy the production? Examine the production elements: publicity, costumes, lights, scenery.*

* 1 paragraph audience etiquette

*How did the audience members behave before, during and after the production?*

One play will be included on the midterm grade (due the Friday before midterm) and the second will be added for the final trimester grade (due the Friday before the quarter ends.) I will inform you of any new productions being performed in our area and all the show details.

**Questions and Problems:**

If a question or problem arises please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I cannot attempt to fix a problem or answer a question if I do not know that one exists. Also, I need to know about the problem while there is still time to correct it. Calling the last day of the trimester will not fix many issues.

**How to contact Mrs. Day:**

Students: BEE time provides an excellent opportunity for questions and extra assistance. Before and after school is often a difficult time to reach me due to auditorium events or rehearsals for productions, so e-mail is a great form of communication. Please email me with any questions. **Melanie.Day@besd.net**.

Parents: Please use the email provided above as well. If you need to speak to me, please call the school and leave your name, the student’s name, and the numbers where you can be reached. I will do my best to return your calls and email as soon as possible. An open line of communication is very important.