Production Ensemble

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**Course Objectives:**

* Students will improve upon their existing acting skills through various scene and technique work.
* Students will develop critical analysis skills of their work and others.
* Students will become confident in performing before an audience through experimentation with characters and performance techniques through group and individual performances.
* Students will collaborate to create their own production using devising theatre methods.
* Students will explore and adapt Viewpoints into performance work.
* Students will use movement for conscious communication of thought, feeling, and character with a specific audience

**Course Requirements**

* Students must be present to learn. Participation and a positive attitude are a must!
* Students will demonstrate their knowledge through projects, assignments, performances, quizzes, and homework assignments.
* Students will be required to write in a journal, which will be checked for a grade periodically. Students should bring their journal to class everyday.

**Materials Needed**

* Pens/Pencils/ Highlighters
* Notebook
* Scripts/ Books/ Paperwork relevant for Class

**Things you will learn about and do this semester**

* We will read several plays from different historical and stylistic genres of theatre. Scene work will be selected and performed from plays read in class. Supplementary readings will be provided in class. All texts are available for students to check out, and portions of texts will be used as references for students to read in class.
* Organize the interrelated responsibilities involved in theatre
* Script and Character Analysis
* Devising Theatre
* Improvisation
* Tools of the Actor
* Study of different acting techniques from Stanislavski to Viewpoints
* Researching plays and playwrights
* Scene Work
* Continued development of physicalization of the character
* Apply group concepts such as cooperation, consensus, building ensemble, and risk-taking to theatre and daily life

**Procedures**

All work is expected to be turned in on time. 10% will be taken off of the assignment for every day it is late. If an excused absence occurs, the student will be given as many days as they were absent plus one day to turn in their work.

You will often be working in groups for performances. Your groups depend on your presence and preparation. If you choose not to show up or come prepared to class, your grade will suffer, and you may be asked to do an alternative assignment so your group does not suffer.

**Evaluation**

All work is assessed by the teacher. Self and peer reflections will also be used. The grade will be assessed in the following breakdown of Categories and Weight:

 Homework: 20%

 Performances/Tests: 40%

 Participation: 40%

**Classroom Behavior**

The class will develop a set of Norms, which will be followed by all students. All students are expected to be responsible and respectful. This means being on time, participating, and following school policies.

**Policies**

All absentee, tardy, cheating, and discipline policies follow Castle View and Douglas County Schools policies. You will not receive full credit for Participation if you are tardy and have unexcused absences due to the nature of the class.

Movies

We will be watching movies to enhance student learning of the material in class. Films will be rated from Pg to Pg-13. If the parent does not permit this, students will be given another assignment to complete in the library. By acknowledging this form I give my child permission to view movies Pg to Pg-13.

I have read and understand the Production Ensemble Syllabus. I have shown the syllabus to my parents and we agree on what is expected of me. I have asked any questions regarding the information included.

Parents please email Mr. DeYoung the information below. If you do not permit your child to view movies please indicate in your email reply.

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Parent’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Contact Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*I will accept only *PARENTS EMAIL!!!*\*\*\***