

DRAMA

DRAMA WORKSHOP

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

The purpose of this course is to gain an understanding and appreciation of some of the basic elements of theatre. By learning to utilize both verbal and nonverbal communication, the student will create believable characters, both in scripted and improvisational settings. In addition, the student will be familiar with various physical and technical aspects of the theatre. Students will apply this knowledge in analyzing a limited number of plays outside of the classroom. The student will gain an effective stage presence and an appreciation for the various aspects of drama.

DRAMA THEATRE ARTS

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Drama Workshop or department approval. Theatre Arts is a more advanced course for those who are interested in a more intense study of drama. Concepts of Drama Workshop are discussed in more detail and are applied to larger, more elaborate activities. Students will learn about the history of theatre as well as analyzing scripts from more contemporary playwrights. Students will also create scripts and apply directorial instruction to create their own one-act plays. The student will understand and appreciate the importance of the theatre in our lives.

FINE ARTS BLOCK

1.0 credit, grades 10-12

The fine arts block offers a unique approach to the study, and most importantly, the enjoyment of the disciplinary approach to the appreciation of the artistic output of man. Realizing that great works of art were not conceived or, created in a vacuum, but in a community of humanity, the inter-relatedness of creativity is accented. From the Cave Drawings of Lascaux and Pre-Historic Man, to the works of Art, Music, Literature, all expressions of thought. This course is for the adventurous student who appreciates an unconventional approach to study. Projects field trips, (in and out of school) student generated assignments, are a few ingredients to this highly individualized, hands-on style of learning. Independence of thought and output is greatly encouraged, as students work at their personal rate of excellence, in cooperation with others.

INDEPENDENT STUDY - FINE ARTS

0.5 credit, grades 11-12

Prerequisite: Student must have completed all courses offered in the area of study before selecting this class. A written plan of work must be submitted and approved by mutual student and teacher agreement. This course is designed for the student in grades 11-12 who desire a more intensive study in a particular discipline than the general curriculum provides. Before registration, each student must submit in triplicate, a work-study plan for the quarters signed by his/her parent/guardian. Upon approval, copies will be held by the student, the teacher and their counselor. Weekly student-teacher conferences will be arranged to monitor the student's progress. The final project may be evaluated by the entire department before a grade is granted. Students selecting this course must be able to work independently and responsibly.