

Welcome to Technical Theatre!

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Parents and Guardians, please visit the new page on our website titled "Parent Info" for audition/crew interview guidelines (to discuss with your student) and volunteer opportunities (to be updated throughout the year)!

Objectives:

COMMUNICATION:

- Develop collaborative skills necessary to formulate and implement design ideas with a production team.

ANALYSIS:

- Analyze plot structure and dramatic themes within scenes and plays.
- Evaluate technical elements of performances for strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

AESTHETICS:

- Use technical knowledge and design skills to formulate designs.

CULTURE:

- Analyze theatre in terms of the social, historical, and cultural contexts in which it was created.
- Understand the traditions, roles, and conventions of theatre as an art form.

Necessary Supplies/Requirements:

If there is any difficulty in obtaining these supplies, please see me outside of class time or send me an email.

- One three ring binder (1") with loose leaf notebook paper **OR** one spiral notebook or journal
- Pencil
- You are **required** to see the plays that we design this semester.
 - **You can attend a dress rehearsal of the fall play on Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. If you cannot attend the dress rehearsal, you need to see Ms. Levine to reserve a ticket to the play, which runs October 18-20.**
 - Intermediate and Advanced students will be required to work one event outside of class time. This will be discussed in more detail. Advanced students are also required to be on a crew for an extracurricular production.

Classroom Expectations and Policies: *Be Kind, Be Positive, Be Respectful*

Attendance and Tardies: Attendance is mandatory, unless documented as an excused absence through the school office. Skipping class will not be tolerated, and students will receive a discipline referral. A tardy is defined as entering the classroom any time after the bell. First tardy will receive a warning, second through fourth will receive a parent contact, and fifth onward will receive a lunch detention with your assigned administrator. **Support your production team** – show up to class 😊

Dress: Students must dress appropriately for their technical crew. Students may want to keep a change of clothes and shoes at school. If so, you may be assigned a locker through your homeroom teacher. **You will NOT be permitted to use power tools or climb a ladder without appropriate attire and therefore will lose participation points.** *ALL students must wear closed toe shoes AT ALL TIMES.*

Academic Integrity Code: Students are expected to abide by all school rules regarding appropriate behavior in the classroom. Cheating, discrimination, or breaking of other school rules will not be tolerated and will result in a discipline referral.

Engagement and Participation: Participation is key! Each student is a vital and critical member of the production team, and must treat their work in this way.

Respect: I hold you responsible for respecting the rights, dignity, worth, spirit, and freedom of each member of our ensemble. Discriminatory speech or conduct will not be tolerated.

Food/Drink/Cell Phones: Open food and drinks, aside from bottled water, are **not permitted**. Cell phones must be put away – in your bag, not in your pocket - during class. *Never bring your cell phone on stage!*

Safety: Please read, sign, and return the attached form. Copies of all forms will also be available on www.apexdrama.com. You **MAY NOT PARTICIPATE** until your safety form has been completed by a guardian and returned.

Grading:

You will be graded according to the total point system. Your grade will be a combination of major and minor assignments, and of daily participation points. According to this system, a major assignment worth 150 points holds more weight and affects your grade more than a minor assignment worth only 15 points. We will review this system in class.

Major Assignments: 100-150 possible points each

Minor Assignments: 15-50 possible points each

Daily Participation: 100 points per quarter

Final Exam: 20% of OVERALL grade

All students will be using the 10-point grading scale. A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; F: 59 and below

A large part of your grade will come from class participation and a **weekly journal entry**. *Come up with a plan now to help you remember to submit your entry on time 😊*

Please fill out the Google Form (link on www.apexdrama.com) by August 31st to acknowledge that you have read and agree to these policies & to secure your place in the class. I am looking forward to a great semester!