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**ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM- SCHOOLOGY**

Welcome to theatre arts section I. In our semester together we will explore the fundamentals of the theatre. As we begin the semester online there needs to a significant change in how our theatre class will operate without the personal interactions that make theatre so essential and vibrant. We will be exploring ways to “perform” throughout the semester but the beginning of the class will focus on the nature of theatre, its place in our world, and its history. I am looking forward to meeting all of you, getting to know you, and introducing you to Wolfpack Theatre and Vista Ridge Theatre Arts.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR BOTH E-LEARNING AND IN PERSON LEARNING**

**E-Learning:** As with all online learning, e-learning is in some ways more difficult. E-Learning requires you, the student, to engage in the class with a strong work ethic and self-engagement. Lessons will be posted on Schoology weekly with a deadline to finish and upload the assignment on the due date at the end of the week. It is up to you to create a schedule for yourself to get your work done. In addition to using Schoology as the platform to conduct class, we will also employ Zoom for a synchronous aspect to online learning. This means that you will log into the Zoom meeting that I have linked into your class Schoology page and join the class for the first 20-30 minutes where I will guide you through what we are doing for the week. After the 20-30 minutes I will remain on Zoom to answer any questions the come up. If you are a member of the class you only need to log into Schoology as you have already been added.

* Join the class on the Zoom Link at the start of our normal class time
* Engage the lessons in a meaningful way
* All lessons and materials can be accessed through our Schoology Classroom
* Develop a strong work ethic and turn in assignments on time!
* I recommend that if you are following a normal school schedule from home, then use our class time to work on the assignments and ask questions as needed.

**In Person:** This is an interactive class and will require participation from all students. Part of theatre is learning how to become comfortable performing in front of others. It is therefore vital that we, as a class, create a safe, fun, and welcoming environment that allows for acceptance and creativity. If your objective is to disrupt the experience of other students in the class from their personal experience then perhaps theatre is not a class for you.

* Be on time, focused, and ready to participate
* Wear comfortable clothing
* Be appropriate with all choices
* Be respectful; listen to all instructions the first time

**PARTICIPATION & GRADING POLICY**

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken daily as a brief discussion assignment on Schoology. Each weekly folder will have the daily discussion attendance question as well as assignments.

**E-Learning**

All grading for e-learning and online projects will be either completion grades (usually 20 points) or graded with a rubric. Grades will be point based and not weighted like we would do with in person learning. Participating in the online class will ask that you log on to the Zoom link in Schoology for the first 20-30 minutes. Please be flexible. Some days this will be a check in to make sure you are doing alright or if you have any questions regarding class. After the scheduled time, I will be available for the rest of the class time via Zoom should you need any other support.

**In Person:** Students will receive “REHEARSAL POINTS” for each class period. Attendance, tardiness, disruptive behavior, refusing to do an activity, and lack of focus CAN result in points being deducted from your rehearsal grade. Because of the interactive nature of a Theatre Class, it is essential to understand that your participation and presence in class is a requirement.

Full participation 10 pts Participation 20%

Tardy (unexcused) -5 pts Projects & Assignments 50%

Absence (unexcused) -10 pts Final Performances 30%

Behavior (after warning) -5 pts

**CELL PHONES**

**E-Learning:** During our Zoom time try to remain engaged with the class. Have fun but remember to look up and have a conversation with someone!

**In Person:** Cell phone use or other electronic devices are not to be used during class, especially during performances. Please turn them off and put them away. If I ask you to put it away and turn it off, follow that direction the first time. Should there ever be a need to use such a device in class I will let you know.

**SCHOOLOGY & HOMEWORK**

Assignments will be posted at the beginning of the week and will be in several parts. You will have until the due date at the end of the week to turn in the assignment. During our Zoom time each day of class I will discuss the lesson and check in with you to see if you have any questions or concerns. As I mentioned above, this requires your work ethic and ability to time manage. You will have other classes and other assignments and it is your responsibility to manage your time to fulfil your obligations for your grade. What I would not like to see is an email stating that you didn’t have time due to other classes. You are a member of this class the grade you receive counts as much as a grade from a core class.

**Turning in Work**

Assignments will be posted in Schoology in a weekly folder. Please upload all completed assignments, assessments and video to Schoology. Please do not email them to me directly.

**Discussion Threads**

There will be several assignments that will ask you for your observations. This could be in reply to a question, comparing video performances or content, or a self-critique. Please get into the mindset that I am looking for high school level answers. Not one-word answers or answers given with incomplete sentences. I am looking for thoughtful and meaningful responses to the material.

**VIDEOS & RECORDED PERFORMANCE**

Throughout the class I may be uploading videos that create a discussion topic or asking for a video of your performance to be uploaded to Schoology. Your individual video performances will not be shared or be able to be viewed by other students with the possible exception of a live Zoom performance via Zoom at the end of the class. Personal performances will be assessed only by myself. By signing this contract, the student and parent/guardian understand that discussion videos and uploaded student performance video is a required part of the class. When we are in person, performance for the class is an essential and required element of theatre.

Please click on the link below and fill out the Google Form- This is your first assignment and will be counted for your weekly attendance.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pOYxQbbef5cpdiDthmdEah_wn_-m0z6Hcrv41gkA9V8/edit>