

**Welcome to Basic Theatre
Periods 5 and 6**

Mr. Roush

Room 210

Charles S. Rushe Middle School (CSRMS)

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Basic Theatre, a semester long elective class that will introduce the basics of theatre with some film thrown in!

The theatre is a place where discipline (much like sports or playing an instrument) must be practiced, and this is a class that requires participation and dedication.

Throughout the semester, students will be learning (among other things):

- 1) Theatre vocabulary and stage terms**
- 2) Careers in the theatre as well as jobs inspired by the theatre.**
- 3) Theatre history**
- 4) Script reading and script writing**
- 5) Pantomime (time permitting)**
- 6) Performing short, memorized plays/skits**
- 7) Improvisation**
- 8) Theatre Etiquette**
- 9) Comparing stage plays to film adaptations of the plays and in some cases, television adaptations.**
- 10) And most importantly, performing.**

This class relies HEAVILY on student participation. Participation is graded on the amount of volunteering, group involvement and the student's willingness to complete an activity which will directly impact their grade. There are several "activities" throughout the semester. All students will *perform in front of the class, in some form at least once during the semester.*

Please review the following information regarding grading.

There will be quizzes weekly or bi-weekly on the new material covered.

GRADES will be based on the following:

40% Participation (Includes group, class and individual)

25% Daily work, Projects and Reports/Homework

15% Quizzes, Tests and Classroom Notebook

10% End of Curriculum Exam

**10% Backstage Performance (daily points earned/deducted
for classroom behavior and following classroom rules)**

100%

Late Work:

EX: A 100-point project

1 day late = -15 points (85)

2 days late = -10 additional points (75)

3 days late = -10 additional points (65)

5 days late = - 10 additional points (55)

No work accepted if more than 5 days late.

Assignments cannot be handed in more than 5 days late.

If the assignment is due before the end of a grading period or end of semester and it is late, it will not be accepted and a grade of “zero” will be recorded.

EXPECTATIONS:

- 1. This is a THEATRE class therefore students are required to participate in all in class theatre exercises, games and activities.**
- 2. Students are required to perform in front of the class.**
- 3. Students are to be respectful when others are performing.**
- 4. Students are expected to work in assigned groups and/or individually.**
- 5. Students are expected to be on time for class.**
- 6. Students will not use their electronic devices without permission.**
- 7. Students are required to keep a folder with notes, vocabulary, handouts, and assignments.**

8. Student folder **MUST remain in the classroom at all times**. Combining the theatre folder with another class/subject is not acceptable.
9. All of your student's tests/quizzes will be reviewed in class and then handed back in to me to ensure that your student has them for review at the end of the semester/year.
10. *Students are not to have food, candy, gum or drinks (other than bottled water) in class.

*Please refer to the "Theatre Classroom Rules" attached to this packet.

SUPPLIES your student needs:

For theatre, you will need the following supplies:

1. Writing utensils (pen or pencil)
2. Three-pronged folder* with pockets (plastic or paper)
3. Loose leaf paper (to be placed in the folder)

*The color of the folder and notebook will depend on which class period the student is in:

- 5th period/yellow
- 6th period/purple

The folder is due in the classroom no later than **Friday, August 13th, 2021.**

PERFORMANCES:

Students in Basic Theatre will be performing in a variety ways. Remember, students will be performing in front of their classmates.

CLASSROOM DONATIONS:

We desperately need the following classroom supplies:

White copy paper

Tissues (last year we went through over 40 boxes!)

Hand sanitizer

Glue Sticks

Disinfectant Wipes

Paper towels

College ruled loose leaf paper

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Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or concerns at jroush@pasco.k12.fl.us or by calling 813-346-1200.

Thank you,
Jeff Roush

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Parent Signature

Date

This signed and dated document is worth 20 points toward your child's final folder grade.