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Class Procedure & Grading Policy Form Junior High Theater Class 2008-2009

General Policy

Your student has been chosen for the Theater Class because of his/her audition, attitude and flexible personality. There are a few class rules that will need to be followed when in theater:

1. Students must possess a positive and teachable spirit at all times. We will be working very hard in a short amount of time to learn lines and music. A positive attitude will determine whether or not the student is able to stay in this class.
2. Students must be able to get along with others well. No one should ever be condescending to another student or bossy in any way. No mean or rude comments will be tolerated in class.
3. Students may be asked to play a part that would not be their first choice. Students must do the very best they can anyway. Remember there are no small parts – only small actors.
4. On the first day of theater class (Monday, January 29th) students should bring 2 report covers with 3 metal brads for their scripts – one will be taken home to study with, the other will stay in class.

Grading Policy

Everyone should get an A+ in theater. This is what students must do to earn that grade:

1. Be on time to every class (be early)
2. Be ready with lines learned – there will be tests on lines throughout the semester
3. Know all your music – there will be tests on music throughout the semester
4. Have a positive attitude
5. Work hard
6. Be prepared every class period
7. Never be singled out because you are not doing what you should be doing (behavior problems can lower your grade after 3 warnings in class we will call parents)
8. Never miss theater class
10. Never miss additional extra required practices (failure to attend mandatory rehearsal will lower your grade by a letter grade for each one missed)
11. Be at EVERY performance (You cannot miss a performance – to do so will mean a failing grade in theater for the semester – remember Parents – this is being performed for the public in a professional theater – therefore we expect our actors to be professional – THE SHOW MUST GO ON)

If your student is one who tends to miss school a lot for illness – this may not be the class for him/her. Everyone in a scene is counting on the student being present. When a practice is missed – many people suffer by the absence. We need to know that your student can commit to 2 theater classes a week and any extra practices that we have scheduled – plus the 3 performances June 2nd and 3rd. Your student was chosen for their talent as well as their maturity and sense of responsibility. We expect them to use classroom time well. If not rehearsing a scene – working quietly not disturbing others.

Participation from Parents is Essential!

Our Production for 2007: Theater Class is a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves through drama and music. We will be presenting a musical comedy adaptation of "Treasure Island". We will be performing three different times, Friday night, June 2nd at 7:00pm, Saturday afternoon June 3rd at 3:00pm and Saturday evening at 7:00pm. We will be at Carco Theater located on Maple Valley Highway.

Fees: There are many expenses in a class such as this. We are doing a period piece that require pirate costumes. There are also makeup, props, sets and many other costs associated with an endeavor like this. Instead of each parent being responsible for their own student's costume, we will have them made or rent them. We are asking each student in theater class to pay a theater fee to

cover these expenses. Please pay the theater fee of \$50.00 to the school office by February 2nd. Kay Eck is handling our books for theater expenses this year. Please make your check out to Renton Christian School and mark it "Theater Fee" and put Kay Eck's name on the memo line or on the envelope to insure that it is appropriately marked for your student. If you would rather be billed the amount, please indicate to us and we will make that happen for you.

Parent Aide Needed: We will also be in need of an "aide" for theater this semester to coordinate our costumes and props. Last semester we were blessed with one of our theater parents – Janet Huson. She coordinated our costumes and made many of them. We will not have the benefit of her helping us this semester and really need someone to replace her. If you are interested in earning part or all of your SOS hours, we can use you this semester for all 30 hours. Let us know on the attached form so that we may contact you. We will need help in measuring the students for their costumes in March or April and will need help coordinating the renting and sewing of them. Thank you in advance for helping us!

Parent Helpers Also Needed: We will need at least one parent from each family to be involved in various duties for theater class. We will have a theater meeting soon, after school starts, to talk about what is needed. Any help we receive can be used for SOS hours. If you have special gifts and talents that could help theater in any way, we would like to know about them.

Attendance & Attitude are Critical: Theater is a performance based class and participation is critical, as is a good attitude. Your student will be expected to learn lines and music, be flexible and stay focused as we will have to work hard to prepare for June. Also, the theater grade counts this year toward their GPA—a great accomplishment for us! If we see that your student is not able to learn lines or is not able to function in class with the others, they may have to be removed. We would not want that to happen for anyone. Students must be there for all the extra rehearsals the week of May 30th at Carco. We are hoping not to have any Saturday rehearsals but we may have to have an extra rehearsal Friday May 19th and May 26th right after school - we are aware and sympathetic to sports activities happening for students on the weekends. We grade on participation and attitude almost exclusively. They must also be at EVERY performance. Failure to attend a rehearsal or performance will drop a student a whole letter grade. The last 2 weeks are critical rehearsals – please plan ahead so your student is at every one!

Ticket Sales: We will be pre-selling tickets for June. The students will be responsible for helping to make this successful. We will have each student sell 20 tickets in advance to help with expenses. We will give more information on that in the coming weeks. Please help them with this endeavor. I'm sure every relative, friend, neighbor and co-worker would love to see your student perform at Carco Theater.

Communications: We communicate every week with our theater parents through email. By signing this form, you are agreeing to not only give an email address so we may contact you, but that you will read it every week. It is very valuable to be in close communication with the theater parents. Thank you for your support in this area. If you do not have a working email address, we need to know that information so that we can contact you through phone or through your student.

Please complete and sign below and return it along with your theater fee to Renton Christian School office by February 2nd.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your student!

I have read the above information and understand the grading procedure. I also understand that my participation is needed and I will sign up to help. Included is the \$50.00 theater fee for the Fall/Winter Semester 2005.

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in being a Parent Aid for theater this semester: Yes No

I am interested in earning SOS hours as a Parent Helper: Yes No