

Introduction to Theater

2022-2023 Miss Valerie N Wright

Room 126 (Theater)

Pace High School Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide all students with quality instruction while stressing the importance of respecting others, sharing responsibility, and embracing the concept of lifelong learning.

Pace High School Honor Code

On my honor, as a Pace High School student, I will do my own school work, uphold the ideals and rules of Pace High School, and protect the good name of my school.

Welcome to Introduction to Drama! This year is going to be a very exciting year and I know that as we move through the fascinating world of Drama you will learn about each facet of the subject as well as stretch your own personal limits farther than you ever thought was possible. By the end of this class it is my sincere hope that you will each find your place in the dramatic world and that you will be able to take what you learn from this classroom and apply it to the world around you. PLEASE remember that I have an open door policy and that I always welcome students into my room. I am looking forward to a great year with each and every one of you! It is going to be so much fun! I promise. This class does have a lab fee of \$15.00. (this fee pays for royalty fees for your spring production, costumes, set pieces, scripts and other materials) Please turn in your lab fee as soon as possible, but if there is a problem please see Miss Wright as soon as possible.

Class Room Expectations:

In addition to the rules in your student planner I expect the following:

***BE ON TIME!** You need to be in your desk when the bell rings. If you are not you receive a tardy. On the class assignments you will see a grade entitled Prepared For Class. Each of you have a 100 right now. With each tardy that grade drops 25 points. In other words 2 tardies=50% grade. There is **NO** reason for you to have anything but a 100% for this grade.

***Once you are in the classroom you stay in the classroom.** We are only in class for 50 minutes. You need to take care of all your needs in between classes. If you miss even five minutes of class you are behind. On the class assignments you will see a grade entitled Staying in Class. Each of you have a 100 right now. With each time you leave the classroom that grade drops 25 points. In other words 2 times leaving =50% grade. There is **NO** reason for you to have anything but a 100% for this grade. There are plenty of opportunities to make up missed points if you have to leave. And of course emergencies cannot be helped and I understand that.

***Do your best. Always.**

***Respect the teacher, your fellow classmates and the classroom.**

***ASK QUESTIONS!!!** There is never a dumb question. Just make sure you are listening when I'm talking so that you don't ask a question that I just answered.

***Smile and Enjoy!** You're studying **DRAMA**, that's fun stuff! Don't be crabby!

This is my Cell Phone Policy...

They have a time and place. Even in the classroom. We will use them from time to time.

HOWEVER...

I don't use my phone during class. You don't use your phone during class (unless you have been told to do so). If you are using your phone in class that is your way of communicating with me that you are not interested in what is being taught and you feel that a 0% for the day is acceptable. I will not correct your behavior (unless you are being a distraction). I will just make a note of it and change your participation grade to a 0. Once again this is your grade, your responsibility. I cannot force you to be respectful but I am not going to waste my time and your fellow classmates time when you don't care about learning.

Consequences:

- *One on one talk with the student.
- *Phone call home to parent
- *Referral

Rewards:

- *Great Grades
- *Knowledge of a subject you already LOVE or will learn to LOVE
- *Laughter and Fun
- *Surprises

What will this class cover?

We will be covering all facets of drama. You will be learning proper technical terms as well as career opportunities within the industry. We will be studying the history of drama and how the dramatic industry helps to shape the world around us. You will study the most controversial plays and plays that have made history. You will learn about the deep rich heritage of Musical Theater. We will be studying costumes, make-up, lighting, sound and set design. You will work on your own personal acting craft through games and acting exercises. During the last 9 weeks you will be taking what you have learned and creating a One-Act production with your classmates. This will be the culminating activity for the class and will count as your semester exam for the second half of the year.

How will I be graded?

Everything you do is weighted the same. On larger projects you may receive three grades instead of one grade. But a quiz is worth the same amount (percentage wise) as a reading grade or a participation grade.

How do I contact you if I don't understand something?

You can meet me before or after school in room in the theater. Let me know if you are planning on doing this so that I can make sure that I am there. We will often be having different rehearsals before or after school but you are ALWAYS welcome to come in and see me. You may just have to be patient if I am in the middle of something.

You can e-mail me at wrightv@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us (it may take a day for me to get your e-mail due to the filter).

What do I need for this class?

EVERY DAY YOU NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

* A three ring binder

* Loose leaf paper

* Dividers

* Pen or Pencil

* A Book that you are reading for pleasure (we read every Monday for the first 20 minutes. You will often receive a grade for being prepared.)

* Your planner and ID

Other important information that will help you get through this year:

1) Miss Wright does not accept late work. EVER! I repeat...Miss Wright does not accept late work EVER!!!

2) Your attitude is the only thing in life you can really control. How you view this class and the assignments is up to you. A poor attitude will surely lead to poor grades.

- 3) Clean up after yourself. We will be doing projects. I did not give birth to any of you, therefore I **WILL NOT** clean up after you. If you choose to leave a mess as an individual or as a class your grades will suffer.
- 4) Respect goes two ways.
- 5) Take advantage of this situation. Learn as much as you can while you can, when it is still free.
- 6) Check the web site on a regular basis. **ESPECIALLY** if you are absent.
- 7) Follow rules. They are there for a reason. If you really have an issue with a rule, take the proper steps to have it changed. Don't be defiant just for the sake of being defiant.
- 8) I am not the enemy.
- 9) I do expect you to try hard, be respectful and learn.

Please have your parents or guardians sign your planner to show that they have read and understand this syllabus.

This is one of your first grades and is Due Monday August 15