



# Anthony Middle School

## Theatre Arts

### 8th Grade

Syllabus 2018–2019

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Rm# AuxW (Dance Studio)

**Course Description:** In Theatre Arts class, students will be introduced to a wide range of foundational theatre skills, including acting, writing, directing, movement, teamwork and dance. Throughout the year, students will be practicing these skills, ultimately building to an end of the year showcase. This will be the student's chance to select an area of focus to demonstrate what they've learned throughout the year.

In theatre class, students will also learn the valuable skill of public speaking, **which applies to nearly every job outside of theatre!**

Our first quarter will start out focusing on community building, with four mini-units leading to a summative working with a group to create a live-action commercial. Q1 progression is below:

- I. Theatre Community
- II. Improv
- III. Scene
- IV. Monologue
- V. Summative Live-Action Commercial

Second, third, and fourth quarter unit specifics will be informed by students' work in first quarter, ultimately leading to a showcase presentation at the end of the year!

**Course Requirements:** Students must be actively seeking to develop their theatre skills. While many games are used in our class, and it is a lot of fun, students must be ready to rigorously assess elements of theatre and demonstrate consistent teamwork in their progress.

Grading will be on the IB Grading Scale, which is aligned with Anthony Language and Literature classes. Please feel free to contact us at the email addresses above with questions!

# What are your theatre dreams?



Jobs that involve theatre...

1. Actor
2. Musician
3. Dancer
4. Director
5. Stage Manager
6. Writer
7. Lighting Designer
8. Costume Designer
9. Set Designer
10. Dramaturg



... and many, many more!