



Musical Theatre
2019-2020

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Course Description

Musical Theatre class is an exploration of American Musical Theatre. Students will study the work of the actor/singer/dancer and use their gained knowledge to develop as performers. Students will prepare and present as soloists as well as members of small groups and larger ensembles. Since this is a workshop course, students will prepare material for class presentation and critique. There will also be a focus on the audition process as well as musical theatre history and repertoire. Finally, the class will participate in a culminating showcase performance at the end of the year.

Course Objectives

Students will perform, produce, and participate in musical theatre elements and projects. Students will write, analyze, and reflect.

Course Units

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
What is Theatre?	How to Read Music	Character Analysis and Duets	Contrasting Solos
Theatre Etiquette	**Group Musical Number	Dance 101	Miscast Unit
Stage Movement/Breath Support	Theatre History	Smaller Group Numbers and Choreography	Build your Audition Binder
Introduction to Musical Theatre	Final Exam		Final Exam
Group Musical Number	Quarterly Project	Quarterly Project	Quarterly Project
Quarterly Project			

Order and content are subject to change.

The date for this performance is as follows:

Melodrama Night (Group Performance): Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm

Musical Theatre Showcase: Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30pm

Materials

Highlighters, pencils (**no pens**), notebook for Drama Journal, 3” black three-ring binder, 5 binder dividers, extra paper, laptop, laptop charger.

Drama Journal and black binders will be graded and checked periodically.

We will use Google Classroom. Please check your email frequently!

Skyward Grading

Score Method	Term Grades (MHS Policy)	Grading Scale (MHS Policy)
<p>Participation: 10 points/day Drama Journal: 5 points/journal, checked periodically Quizzes: 20 points Binder Checks: 50 points Required Performances: 200 points Quarterly Projects: 200 points each Assignments: varied</p> <p>Please note that <u>no extra credit</u> is given in any of Mrs. Thimmig’s courses</p>	<p>Fall Quarter 1=40% Quarter 2=40% End of Course Assessment=20%</p> <p>Spring Quarter 3=40% Quarter 4=40% End of Course Assessment=20%</p>	<p>A=90%-100% B=80%-89% C=70%-79% D=60%-69% F=Below 60%</p>

Make-Up Work (MHS Policy)

Papers, assignments, tests, etc. that were announced while the student was in attendance prior to the absence are due to be submitted or completed on the day the student returns to school. A student will be allowed two (2) school days for each day of excused absence to make up material presented during the absence. Make-up time is not to exceed ten (10) days from the time a student returns to school after an absence. Additional time may be granted at the principal's discretion under extenuating circumstances. When a student has been absent for three (3) or more consecutive school days due to illness or excused absence the parent or

student may call the Attendance Office to request make-up homework be sent to the office for pick-up. Please allow 24 hours for teachers to respond before coming to the office to pick up work. **In the case of pre-arranged absences, it is the responsibility of the student to contact individual teachers for any make-up work prior to the absence.**

Late Work

Late work will only be accepted **one day** after the assigned due date. Late work will be given 70% of the received grade. For example, if the student would have received 18/20 (90%) on the assignment, turning it in late will result in receiving 12.6/20 (63%).

If you are not prepared with this extension, **you will receive a zero on the assignment.**

For other extensions, you must contact Mrs. Thimmig in the case of illness or other arranged absence. Because of Mrs. Thimmig's strict late work policy, students who do not complete a major assignment will be given a notice sent home, to be signed by parents, stating that the student understands the consequential zero.

If an assignment is posted on Google Classroom with a specific due date and time, it is expected that students will turn in that assignment, regardless of attendance, at the specific day and time it is due for credit.

In the case of internet connection being unavailable, students will communicate this to Mrs. Thimmig before the absence.

Classroom Rules and Procedures

Students will adhere to the following rules and procedures:

1. Be prepared and be on time! Tardiness will result in a loss of participation points. Lack of preparation for class (no pencil, laptop not charged, etc.) will result in a loss of participation points.
2. Respect others, self, teacher, and theatre equipment, including the classroom.
3. Follow directions.
4. Cell phones/handheld electronics will not be tolerated by Mrs. Thimmig. **(see Cell Phone Policy)**
5. No food, gum, or drink (except water) are allowed in classroom at any time.
6. No perfume, cologne, body spray, or scented lotion is permitted to be used in the classroom at any time.

Bathroom Policy: A pass to the bathroom will not be granted in the first five minutes of class or the last five minutes of class, except in the case of emergency. Mrs. Thimmig reserves the right to refuse a bathroom pass if the student has been abusing the privilege.

Discipline

In addition to the rules established by Mrs. Thimmig and the Class Constitution (as designed by students at the beginning of the year), students agree to the following actions if discipline is necessary:

1. Verbal warning/Loss of participation points
2. Conversation in the hallway
3. Notice sent home.

4. Referral to office.

Cell phones will be taken away on sight. No warnings!

Academic Integrity (MHS Policy)

All work submitted by a student must represent his/her own ideas, concepts, and current understanding. All material found during research must be correctly documented/cited to avoid plagiarism. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing on course assignments or exams will lose credit for that assignment or exam. The teacher will notify parents. Students may be subject to disciplinary action, including a parent conference.

Student & Parent Resources

School Website: <http://mhs.msd134.org/>

Skyward: Mrs. Thimmig will send home progress reports and announcements bi-weekly.

Google Classroom: classroom.google.com (Parents are permitted to join our class on Google Classroom)

Facebook and Instagram*: Students and parents are invited to join the [MHS Performing Arts Page](#) on Facebook and follow [@mhs_theatredept](#) for updates on performances, auditions, activities, etc.

Students and parents are also invited to join the [Middleton High School Theatre Boosters](#) page on Facebook to keep communication up and for any needs of the theatre department and Drama Club.

**Please note that Mrs. Thimmig does not accept student friend requests on her personal social media.*

Mrs. Thimmig does check her email multiple times a day during the workweek, but does not guarantee response over the weekend or holidays. If an email is sent Friday afternoon, do not expect a response until Monday morning.

Other Information

Drama Club and Improv Club are open to every student! Drama Club will focus on fundraising, selling concessions, working pieces for district competition, etc. Drama Club meets on Tuesdays after school 3:15-3:45. District Competition this year will be held on Saturday, November 16th at Middleton High School.

Improv Club will focus on improving improvisational skills. This is a student led club that meets on Wednesdays after school in front of the auditorium.

Fall and Spring performances are open auditions for all! Keep up to date on auditions and rehearsals on Google Classroom and on social media.

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I have read and understand the content, policies, and procedures outlined in Mrs. Thimmig's syllabus.

_____ Student Signature _____ Date

_____ Student Name (Printed)

_____ Parent Signature

Please return this form to Mrs. Thimmig no later than Friday, September 6th.