FINE ARTS 8 – DRAMA Ms. S. Beare

**The Fine Arts 8 2019-2020** consists of Introduction to Drama and Art. These courses will change after first semester. In Drama Grade 8 students will be introduced to and learn skills relating to many diverse opportunities.

UNITS:

TABLEAU/MIME (Students will use body and face to convey ideas)

CHARACTERIZATION (What makes an effective character creation. Writing character biographies, short scenes)

VOCALIZATION (Students will learn the importance of projection and articulation)

SCRIPTED SCENES (Students will learn to analyze scripts and create beats)

ORIGINAL DEVISED WORK (Students will learn how to create spontaneous and planned improvisations)

IMPROV (Students will learn basic scene elements in improvised theatre sports)

READERS THEATRE (Vocal skills, musical rhythmic skills, costume/props)

MONOLOGUES (If time allows, students will combine all units to showcase their learning in 1 minute monologues)

ONE ACT PLAY– (Mini musical, Fairy tales and Myths Comedy Revue)

SUPPLIES: In Drama students MUST wear COMFORTABLE CLOTHING and be ready to remove shoes in the theatre. Bring a binder, lined paper and a pen or pencil to class.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

* **BE ON TIME** – If late please enter the Theatre quietly. If absent, students must make up missed work.
* **No Food or Beverages** in the classroom/theatre/lighting/sound booth. Water is the only exception, bring a water bottle.
* **Respect** class instructional time, other students’ efforts and class equipment.
* Bring your **Positive Attitude** and support everyone to feel safe, and to be included.
* Respect the theatre and computer equipment- it is a shared resource that ALL Salish students have the privilege of use.
* **ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES OR PERSONAL MUSIC DEVICES** when Instructional time is occurring. Cell phones should stay in backpacks. Unless otherwise directed.
* Listen attentively to instructions and announcements, to other students presenting and performances.
* Ask permission to leave the classroom.
* Work with everyone, not just your friends – be inclusive.

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL:

* Class time is not social time; focus on your assigned task.
* No other course involves as much group work. Your group should work together as a team. Everyone contributes equally and there is to be no discouragement of someone’s ideas.
* Voices are to be kept at a reasonable volume. There should be no shouting.
* Spend less time talking about what you are going to do, and more time doing!

Through interactive and “hands on” activities, Drama 8 gives students an opportunity to explore the art of theatre and learn some basic concepts of storytelling, acting, and performing. Students will use their imagination to defeat theatrical challenges and develop their skills in the areas of creative and critical thinking, self-confidence, communication, improvisation, teamwork and self-reflection. Students who enjoy drama and are interested in learning more about the art of theatre can select Drama 9 next year.

Drama requires a great deal of self-discipline. The ability to keep quiet and listen actively while instructions and side coaching is given is very important. Students must concentrate on assigned work and disregard any distractions.

Evaluation will include: Participation, Rehearsal Etiquette/Process, Drama Skills, Performances, Journals, Self Reflections.