

**DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SUBJECT: Chorus/Theater Arts**

**GRADE: 8**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Chorus/Theatre Arts offers 8th Grade students the opportunity to participate in Chorus and Theatre Arts in a class setting. Students will continue to develop their vocal performance skills by singing together as a choir. Students will also have the opportunity to explore: theatre history and vocabulary; see and analyze live performances; learn and work on various aspects of technical theater including directing, stagecraft, light/sound, publicity, and design; participate in all aspects of a theatrical production; and study and perform acting. As an MYP Arts class, all students in Chorus/Theatre Arts will create and maintain a process journal, demonstrating their growth and achievement as students of Chorus and Theatre. This class meets every other day, so independent practice is important to help students improve and develop the necessary musical skills. There will be two concerts each school year and one 8th grade Theatre Arts Play at which all students are expected to perform and/or participate backstage to showcase their hard work and growth.

**I. GRADING PROCEDURE FOR CHORUS/THEATER ARTS**

**Sources for accumulating points are:**

- a. Written Quizzes and Exams
- b. Performance Testing
- c. Theater Committees Participation
- d. Written work including character research and analysis, playwriting, etc.
- e. Journals/ Reflections/ Peer Assessment
- f. Memorization Tests
- g. Performance Participation
- h. Daily Participation including rehearsals outside of scheduled class

II. **CHORUS/ Theater Arts Performances:** A CHORUS/Theater Arts Performance is the culmination of student work and is therefore crucial for the class.

A. Rehearsal and performance dates are given out in plenty of time to rearrange and accommodate clubs, sports, and/or other responsibilities.

B. Students will be required to perform at the:

1. Winter Music Concert- December, 2022
2. Spring Music Concert- May, 2022
3. 8th Grade Theatre Arts Spring Play- May, 2022

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*Date: Spring 2022*