

## **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama Elective**

### **About the Teachers:**

Johnnie Carlson has over 40 years of experience in theatre, music, and dance. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Averett College, but has spent most of her time since then in front of a class of students or involved in some theatrical or musical production. Mrs. Carlson has been involved behind the scenes and as a performer, director, and/or choreographer on dozens of shows throughout Virginia. She also plays handbells and sings in her church choir.

Bethany Craig has a B.A. from Hunter College in NY, NY and holds a Masters in Education degree from Antioch New England Graduate School. She is joining the St. Luke's community for her third year having come most recently from eleven years of teaching at the Charlottesville Waldorf School. At the Waldorf School she had the opportunity to teach all academic subjects to Grades 1- 6 as well as some artistic and music classes. Previous to this, she taught both on the preschool and elementary level in a small Waldorf school that she had founded in 1987. She lives with her husband in Hood, just south of Madison and has four grown children living in Charlottesville, Richmond, and Newport News. With a background in art, she loves to draw and she sings in the choir of the Piedmont Episcopal Church. She has frequently volunteered in youth oriented projects in both Madison and Charlottesville and is now very happy to have joined the faculty here at St. Luke's.

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### **Class Description:**

This class will allow the student a closer look at theatre behind the scenes from sound and lights to selling tickets. They will further develop their acting skills through reading and memorizing scenes, and improv. They will learn about preparing for the audition process. Students will compare stage and film acting, and be involved fully in producing their own plays. Students will critique themselves through video-taped rehearsals.

### **Goals:**

Students will display the importance of creativity and teamwork in bringing a performance to life. They will be knowledgeable of basic theatrical terminology, play structure, and characterization.

### **Grading Criteria:**

50% of the grade will be based on willingness to participate, positive attitude and effort, and showing respect for classmates and class environment.

30% of the grade is based on participation in projects and performances.

20% of the grade is based on completed homework assignments, and quiz and test grades

**Materials:**

Students will need a pen or pencil and a 3-Ring Binder and paper, or a spiral notebook, and glue sticks for keeping handouts, taking notes in class, rough drafts for script writing, and journal entries.

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