

Theater Arts 2 - NLD 2026-2027

Class Duration: Year-Long **Credits:** 1 High School credit

This is a FOLLOW UP CLASS to Theater Arts 1. You MUST have taken my Theater Arts 1 class in order to attend. This is class time PLUS a performance each semester. This class will also include; in class scene work, next level study of Theatrical emotion, blocking, characterization, and so much more!!!

This class will include:

- **Theater 101** - We will dive into a deeper understanding of Theater Hierarchy (actors, directors, etc.), as well as touch on some Theater History, including some Shakespeare!!
- **The Art of Stage Presence** - We will develop the “marketable skill” of being in front of an audience or crowd, and what lies beneath “being on stage”.
- **The Art of the Audition** - Each student will hone this skill by auditioning for BOTH semester Shows
- **The Art of Performance** - We will continue the understanding that our first “role” is for Jesus’ glory with discussions and self evaluative questions.
- **The Art of Purpose** - Exercises that will encourage your student to better understand their Christian Worldview.
- **The Art of Voice** - We will dive into finding our Voice and connecting our Voice with God’s plan for us.
- **Mrs. Russo’s 7 C’s** - We will move into the next layer of the 7 C’s.

<u>Class Projects + Include:</u>	special projects, official audition, scene work in class, optional field trips, Thespian Troupe, and various social events.
<u>Meeting Day/Times:</u>	Fridays 9:45-11:15 Bridge Life Church - 8210 Stephanie, HSV
<u>Ages offered:</u>	14 yr. - 18 yr.
<u>Min/Max</u>	4/16 students
<u>Prerequisites:</u>	NLD - TA1 + one NLD production
<u>Intensity Level:</u>	Light - Medium!
<u>Average # Hrs/week</u>	1-4 projects, Workbook assignments, show prep, etc... <i>Rehearsal time is in addition to this.</i>
<u>Rehearsal times:</u>	Fri 2:30-5:15 (Potentially Mondays 6:15-8:15 and/or Thursdays 6:15-8:15)
<u>Mandatory Parent Meetings:</u>	August 28, 2026 @ 5:00 & January 22, 2027 @ 5:00

We will also have at least one fundraiser. TBD

THEATER ARTS 2 Fees/Cost:	DUE Dates & additional information:
Class Fee: \$460/year (paid @ registration)	OR \$250 @ registration & \$250 by December 1, 2026
Payment Plans available	No Problem! Email Mrs. Russo
1-TIME Copy fee per STUDENT	\$15 paid @ registration
1-TIME Facility fee per FAMILY	\$50 paid @ registration this fee can be raised through sponsorship of NLD
TA Workbook - Required	\$30 paid @ registration
Other Materials - Required	Blank journal, clipboard, spiral notebook, potential costumes, show needs from home or purchase
SHOW PARTICIPATION - CAST	Fundraising - TBD
PARTICIPATION - CREW	Fundraising - TBD
OPTIONAL FEES:	
Field Trips & Game Nights	TBD (low cost)
Thespian Troupe Membership	\$35 (one time); \$ yearly dues (\$35-45)
Thespian Festival - February TBD (Overnight in Bham)	\$150 (approximate Student fee) \$95 (approximate Adult fee)

NOTE: The Cast & Crew fees for shows, whether paid OR raised through sponsorship covers: Costumes, sets, venue rental, tech needs, licensing/insurance, scripts, publicity, programs, hair/makeup, rehearsal space rental, director stipends, and more.

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Instructor Biography:

Hello everyone! My name is Pamela Russo and I am the founder and director of New Life Dramatics. I am so excited about the potential of teaching your student!! My Bachelor's degree is in History, with a former Secondary Education Credential in Social Studies through the states of California, Arizona, and New Hampshire. Alternative education with my spunky alternative students, as well as Special Education with my sweet autistic students, enveloped most of my public education years.

I taught homeschool to my own kiddos for nine years, and in my fourth year teaching with NLD. I've been on the stage since three years old, both in ministry and secular venues, and have written and directed various skits, programs, and productions. I have directed the following Shows

for NLD; *Christmas Reader's Theater '22, STEM Fine Arts Spring Showcase '23, Anne of Green Gables & Pride & Prejudice '23, A Night in the 40's '24, The Road to Excellence '24, The Prayer Vigil for Josie Malone '25, Little Women '25, and A Pirates Night for Me '26.*

Locally, my family is involved in *IMP community theater*, where I just Assistant Directed "The Prince of Egypt". I served for four years on the *Grissom High School Theater/Musical Board*. Our family has been involved with *five Grissom Musicals* and several *Theater/Choir* events. I have partnered with *Around The Curtain Children's Theater (ATC)*, where I was Parent Producer for *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Any questions, please email Pamela Russo @NLDclasses2camps@gmail.com.

CHECK OUT NLD's WEBSITE @ newlifedramatics.com.