

THEATER ARTS 1 + Performance- NLD 2024-2025

Class Duration: Year-Long **Credits:** 1 High school credit - graded by letter grade

This is an introductory class to the performing arts, with the much needed bonus of *infusing Jesus Christ onto the stage*. This is **New Life Dramatics Theater Arts 1 class, PLUS performance option**. Each semester outside of class, we will have a performance/show. You can sign up for **JUST** the class OR sign up for **BOTH** the class + **PERFORMANCE** (acting or technical crew). *Price varies for the different options.*

NOTE: Upon completing your registration, you MUST choose whether you are participating in the semester shows. EITHER WAY, there are mandatory auditions for each semester, required for class. SEMESTER SHOW FEES are DUE at AUDITIONS for each semester. (see attached 2024-2025 calendar)

The class will cover the following through lectures, skits, writing, sketches, improv games, and in-class performances:

- [Theater 101](#) - The basics of the stage, the audience, the lights, the sound, the costumes, and set design, the Theater Hierarchy (actors, directors, etc.)
- [The Art of Stage Presence \(great for public speaking\)](#) - Developing the confidence to perform in front of an audience, knowledge of “blocking”, eye contact, “reading” the audience.
- [The Art of the Audition \(great for job interviews\)](#) - Knowledge of all aspects of an official audition, which incorporates all the “arts”, plus practice of a job interview.
- [The Art of Performance \(great for serving others\)](#) - Understanding that our first “role” is for Jesus’ glory, not our own, and much more!
- [The Art of Purpose \(great for the heart\)](#) - Exercises that help your student discover their likes/dislikes, aspirations, dreams, goals, etc...
- [The Art of Confidence \(great for the mind\)](#) - Exercises that instill confidence incorporating all the “arts” through practice and performances.
- [The Art of Voice \(great for the World\)](#) - Everything we do in this class will hopefully help your student translate these “arts” into finding their Voice and start to connect their Voice with God’s plan for them.

Theater Arts is not just for the student who aspires to the stage. This class will hopefully inspire Creativity, CALM, Character, Confidence, Completion, and Communication for “life’s stage” as well. Helping your student find confidence in their unique relationship with Jesus Christ, is NLD’s main goal. Our world desperately needs Christ Warriors in the area of Fine Arts, as well as in all areas of pursuit.

**Class Projects +
Include:**

TV commercial, Official Audition, Official Job Interview, scene work in class, optional Field Trips, Thespian Troupe, and various social events.

<u>Meeting Days and Times:</u>	Theater Arts 1A - Mondays 10:45-12:15 OR Theater Arts 1B - Mondays 2:00-3:30 - Bridge Life Church - 8210 Stephanie HSV
<u>Grades offered:</u>	9-12th grade (possibly 8th grade - determined by interview w/ Mrs. Russo.)
<u>Min/Max Students:</u>	6/18 NOTE: Classes must have at least 6 students to stay open. Venue is Bridge Life Church.
<u>Prerequisites:</u>	None. Former theater exposure/participation might enhance the student's experience in class, and is welcomed. However, this is a <u>"one of a kind" Theater Class.</u> The curriculum is uniquely written by myself and my oldest daughter, who is pursuing degrees in Theater Arts & Psychology through Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts.
<u>Intensity Level:</u>	Light - Medium! We will have tons of fun in class, but this is not a "fluff" class. We will pursue and discuss real topics as we learn about Theater and performance. The students will also be challenged to step out of their comfort zones. (That's a good thing.) And stretch their relationship with Jesus Christ.
<u>Average Number of Hours per week:</u>	1-4 projects, Workbook assignments, show prep, etc... <i>Rehearsal time is in addition to this.</i>
<u>Rehearsal times:</u>	Fridays 1:30-5:00 (Potentially Mondays 3:30-TBD and/or Thursdays 3:30-TBD)

NOTE: There will be mandatory Orientation & Information parent meetings, August 9, 2024 @4:30

AND January 24, 2025 @4:30. This is a Theater Arts Program, which has many activities outside of class, as well as many aspects of Stage Production that calls for these meetings. I try to make them quick and fun! **NOTE:** If you know upon registration that you cannot make the parent meetings, please let Mrs. Russo know. Do not let it keep you from signing up your student for this program.

We will have class fundraisers for the Shows as needed. TBD

Click on [docs.google](#) [TA1 Class Structure & Policy](#) [NLD Camps & Classes Calendar 2024-25](#)

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'm in my ninth homeschool teaching year with my own kiddos, and my third 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 four Shows for NLD; **Christmas Reader's Theater '22, STEM Fine Arts Spring Showcase '23, Anne of Green Gables & Pride & Prejudice '23, and currently, A Night in the 40s '24.**

Locally, my family is involved in *IMP community theater*. 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*.

<u>THEATER ARTS 1 Fees/Cost:</u>	<u>DUE Dates & additional information:</u>
Class Fee: \$460/year (paid @ registration)	OR \$250 @ registration & \$250 by December 1, 2024
1-TIME Copy fee per STUDENT	\$15 paid @ registration
1-TIME Facility fee per FAMILY	\$65 paid by August 1, 2024 this fee can be raised through sponsorship of NLD
TA Workbook - Required	\$35 upon registration received by August 1, 2024
Other Materials - Required	Blank journal, clipboard, potential costumes, show needs from home or purchase
SHOW PARTICIPATION - CAST	\$100/ 1st Semester & \$200/2nd Semester - either paid OR raised by sponsorships - due @ auditions
SHOW PARTICIPATION - CREW	\$50/1st Semester & \$100/2nd Semester - either paid OR raised by sponsorships - due @ auditions
OPTIONAL FEES:	
Field Trips & Game Nights	TBD (low cost)
Thespian Troupe Membership	\$35 (one time); \$TBD yearly dues (\$18-25)
Thespian Festival - February TBD (Overnight in Bham)	\$150 (approximate Student fee) \$85 (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, cast meals, cast/crew tee shirts, and more. Questions, please email NLDboosters@gmail.com OR NLDclasses2camps@gmail.com.

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CHECK OUT NLD's WEBSITE @ newlifedramatics.com - available March 18, 2024.