Technical Theatre 3-Advanced Honors (Crew Chiefs) Fall 2013-4th BLOCK

Syllabus

Course Description

Welcome back! You are all exceptional Techies, and expect to see that kind of work, passion and thoughtfulness to continue this semester—I choose you all for a reason, make sure you live up to it and we will all be Happy Techies!

This is a leadership course that will require you to focus on three jobs.

**1.** You will be involved in a series of group research/teaching projects that will require you to work together and present information to intermediate crew members during class.

**2.** Each of you will be assigned a crew of Tech 1 students, whom you are in charge of, and an assigned tech area (Control booth, tool rooms, connex, costume/props, etc) which you are in charge of keeping organized—you will be the point person for that area and what goes on there.

**3.** You will be a crew chief (stage manager, deck chief, fly chief, etc.) for at least ONE of the 3 shows this semester. You may not use the Play Festival as your required show—I need crew chiefs on the big shows. **YOU ALL ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT LOAD-IN FOR THE NUTCRACKER on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1.**

I expect you to always be HELPFUL, KIND, and ORGANIZED for the sake of your crews. LEAVE YOUR OUTSIDE DRAMA AT THE DOOR. You are in the spotlight as a leader and your crew WILL look up to you and ask your help—be ready to give it or ask me for assistance!

Having said all that stuff…I can’t wait to work with each one of you this semester…let’s do some good “playing”!

**Show Schedules**

**MEAC Play Festival**

**WORK CALL November 1-2 (Times are TBA until all entries are scheduled).**

 **“The Tempest”—Ashley High School production**.

 **TECH WEEK:**  Mon-Thurs, November 11th-14th 4pm-9pm…ish

 **SHOW CALL TIMES**: Fri. and Sat., November 15-16 6:30pm-9:30pm…ish (7:30 curtain)

 Sunday, November 17 2pm-6pm…ish (3pm Curtain and

 STRIKE AFTER)

**“The Murray Middle School FALL Play”**

**TECH WEEK:** Mon-Thurs, November 18-21 4pm-9pm…ish

**SHOW CALL TIMES:** Fri and Sat., November 22-13 6pm-9pm…ish (7pm Curtain

 Sun., November 24 2pm-6pmish (3pm Curtain and

 STRIKE AFTER)

**“The Nutcracker”**

**TECH WEEK:** Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 2-5 4pm-9:30pm…ish

**SHOW CALL TIMES**:Friday, Dec. 6 (Student shows) 8am-2pm

 Techies will be excused

 from ALL classes that day.

 Sat., December 7 ( 2 Shows) TBA—Leave all day free starting at

 8am

 Sun., December 8 TBA- Afternoon show, STRIKE after

**Course Requirements**

1. You must be at the “NUTCRACKER” Load-in (See Schedule above)
2. You must be a crew chief for at least ONE of the shows listed above
3. You must keep a “Work Order” Sketchbook (8.5 x 11—50 pages) detailing what you do each day in class and including any notes or research you do for assignments. Every Friday you must write a short paragraph (5-10 sentences) detailing what happened during the week and reflecting on what you have learned as a leader that week.
4. WEAR appropriate work clothes to class **(NO FLOPS OR OPEN TOES EVER! NO MATTER WHAT WE ARE DOING**) You may keep some work shoes in the classroom if you want to change when you get here.
5. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FULL SET OF CORRECT BLACK CLOTHING—you are the role models!
6. Once you are assigned a CREW and an AREA, you are responsible for them based on the Work Order Instructions/Assignments you are given each day.

**Grading**

***Participation: 40%***

Most importantly, this class requires collaboration and a good portion of your grade comes from contributing ideas and energy at appropriate times. Participation grades will be taken at the end of each week and notes will be posted online. Participation will be assessed as follows:

Techies start out with 30 points for the week, and lose points for the following:

` -Improper shoes and/or clothing: -5

-Late for call time (i.e. the start of class): -5

-Safety infractions: -5

-Rude or inappropriate behavior (horseplay, language, etc): -5

-Not participating in tasks: -5

-Not being in assigned or designated area of the classroom or theatre: -5

***Class work/presentations: 40%***

This includes any projects or presentations you do, and includes your Crew Chief notebook.

***Tests/quizzes: 20%***

You will receive test grades rating your performances in helping me test the Intermediate techies and you will receive 4 test grades for your backstage performance requirement (2 for rehearsals/2 for performances).