

Creative Learning Program Descriptions

Enter Laughing is an interactive theater program that provides a safe and nurturing environment in which students can develop and strengthen creativity and self confidence. Theater games are used as vehicles that allow students their own ideas, imagination and unique senses of humor as they create a shared reality with playing partners. Two roles are played in the improvisational classroom: that of the audience member, who contributes the “who” and “where” of each scene, and that of the players, who create a short scene based on audience members’ suggestions. All students are contributors to the ideas used within each theater game. Peer laughter is the motivator and reward for successful efforts. Theater games are divided into group, and two and three player games. Each game comes with its own short-term objective. Meeting the objectives of the theater games through collaboration and moment-to-moment problem solving, while getting laughs to boot, makes for an exciting, creative play experience! Program leader Pat Sciortino is a learning specialist, professional N.Y. actress and comedian.

Tabletop Role-playing Games like Dungeons & Dragons can serve as fun, engaging, and valuable resources for the development of academic and interpersonal skill-building. Students will get to take on the role of heroic fantasy characters who must cooperate together to overcome challenges presented by the Game Master, from exploring dungeons and defeating enemies to negotiating treaties and managing relationships (including those with other players) all face-to-face, no screens, just friends. No experience is necessary to join in! The game instructor Timm Woods has a background in writing and education, and is studying games as learning tools at St. John's University, where he teaches English and writing.

Please return this form and payment to Veronica no later than Friday, September 9.

Tuition for each class is \$350, and both meet every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) from 12:45PM- 3:15PM, September 14- December 14.

___ Enter Laughing

___ Tabletop Roleplaying Game

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Emergency Contact _____