

## **Drama @ TDChristian 2018-19**

TDChristian has an extensive Drama program that produces a constant buzz of activity throughout the year. We have two new teachers, Mrs. Teh and Mr. Feddema, who will be involved in the program, as well as returning fifth year student, Jade Hoekstra, and Mr. Peters. Here is a sampling of what's on the program for this year.

### ***Little Women: Mainstage Production***

**Little Women** is based on Louisa May Alcott's classic 1869 novel. The play features four sisters— traditional Meg, wild, aspiring writer Jo, timid Beth and romantic Amy— and their beloved Marmee, at home in Massachusetts while their father is away serving for the Union Army during the American Civil War. See the work of Show Period students when they perform on Nov. 29 (7 p.m.) or Nov. 30 (7 p.m.). Or, come to the finale of *Little Women* at the Dinner Theatre on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Students who are interested in being part of the production as an extracurricular activity should talk to or email Mr. Peters ([peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca)).

### ***The Black Box***

Make sure to visit one of the best classrooms in the school. Simultaneously intimate and spacious, it can hold a class of 34 or an audience of over 100. This room is equipped with lighting, sound, and a growing costume and properties room for tech and design students to learn their trades.

### ***Grade 9 Drama***

Every Grade 9 student at TDChristian takes a half-credit in Drama to study improvisation. While few graduates pursue careers as professional improvisers, the skills learned, the confidence built, and the composure under pressure experienced serve students throughout their lives. Besides that, Grade 9 Drama is a lot of fun!

### ***Lunchtime Improv***

On many Wednesdays and Fridays) students are invited to watch our Improv Games teams perform live improvised comedy in the Black Box! Students can bring their lunches and watch as our improvisers hone their talents and skills.

### ***Canadian Improv Games***

Our first six years entering a team into the Canadian Improv Games have resulted in tremendous learning and some excellent placements in the Toronto Regionals, including a 1<sup>st</sup>, and at the Nationals in Ottawa, 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch the team in action in February. Students who are part of the Improv team can earn a half-credit in Improvisation.

### ***Drama Production***

We offer opportunities for students to explore dramatic conventions and techniques specifically connected to drama production. Students assume responsibility for decisions made in the creative and collaborative processes, specifically related to the production of the school's shows. In previous years, students have earned a half-credit for their work behind the scenes. Students who are interested in drama production, for fun or for credit, should talk to Mr. Peters or email him at [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca).

### ***Alumni Show***

Every other year, TDChristian alumni return to the school to practice and perform a spring show. Be on the look out for an announcement of the show and show times. It is sure to be a great time. Students or community members who have ideas or questions should talk to Mr. Peters or email him at [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca).

### ***Parent/Guardian Volunteers***

Know about putting on a show, interested in painting, building sets, sewing costumes, finding props, or helping out in some other way? Contact Drama teacher Richard Peters at [peters@tdchristian.ca](mailto:peters@tdchristian.ca) if there is a need you can fill or a "role" that you can play in Drama @ TDChristian.