

STAA Class Description 2023-2024

Course Title: Costume Construction

Teacher: Mrs. Katherine Brueggen

Grades: Middle and High School Only

Meeting Day(s): Thursdays (Year) Time(s): 11:00-11:55

Student minimum required for this course: #2 Maximum accepted #5

Course Description including any prerequisites or other requirements:

STUDENTS MUST HAVE TEACHER APPROVAL TO JOIN THIS CLASS. (Advanced Sewing Skills required)

In this class, we will be creating costumes and apparel, including some costumes for the upper level drama class productions. We will be working with a variety of fabrics, including knits. Students must be very comfortable using a sewing machine, and are encouraged to bring their own sewing machines to class. This class will take more of a “lab” form, rather than instructional form.

Costs

- Total Tuition: \$40/year, \$90/year for Non-Volunteer
- **Payment Option 1:** Full amount of \$40/\$90 to be paid on July 1st.
- **Payment Option 2:** Split amount of \$20/\$45 as two payments due on July 1st and December 1st
- Venmo information: MamaKat079 (Venmo is the preferred payment method)
- Checks made out to: Katherine Brueggen
- and mailed to: In the process of moving. Please contact me for the correct address.

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Student Responsibilities and Expectations

- 1) Students must follow all safety guidelines (they will receive a copy on the first day of class).
- 2) Students must feel comfortable working individually, with the teacher and helper there for guidance and questions.
- 3) Depending on the participation in the drama class production(s), there may be some work to be completed outside of the specified class time. This would include things such as costume fittings, adjustments, and “tech-week” participation. This outside work *should not* fall outside of the STAA school day hours.

Grading Breakdown

Students' projects will be assessed at their completion. The teacher will send home a form with a breakdown of the skill sets used and the level to which the individual student was able to implement them.

I will provide assessments at the end of each semester to help the parents provide a suitable grade. These assessments will include a multiple choice quiz as well as a short answer written assignment.

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Textbooks and Supplies Required

- 1) The teacher will be providing most, if not all, of the materials needed for the class.
- 2) Students will need to provide fabric, thread, and sewing machines/needles for individual projects.

Teacher Biography

Born and raised in Pelham...moved to Northwest Arkansas for a few years where I became wife to John-Paul and mother to six (soon to be 7) beautiful children. Missing the beauty of the Southeast, I convinced my dear husband to apply for a job at Southern Company in 2014, and we became members of the Cathedral of St. Paul not long after the move in June of 2014.

My journey as a seamstress began at the University of Mississippi, as a theatre major, where we were required to learn the basics of costume construction during our Sophomore year. That wasn't my passion, yet, so I left the sewing machine for quite a while. Once I became a mother to three girls, and three rough-housing boys, I began to realize that knowing how to mend and sew is a skill set beyond any measurable value.

My philosophy on sewing is this: Never sacrifice the good for the perfect, but never accept the mediocre. I have talked with SO many people who have told me they would love to sew, but they were discouraged by teachers who would not accept anything less than perfect lines...that's not going to happen in my class. While I will strive for excellence, I will never demand perfection from my students. Neat, clean lines will come with time, and almost all mistakes can be corrected without starting over.

I have loved working with all of my sewing students in the past, and I look forward to working with all of my future students! <3 Katherine Brueggen

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Teacher Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns with the class. Texting will get the fastest response.

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Additional Information

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