

## **ART SMART THEATRE PROGRAM**

ArtSmart is a board supported Musical Theatre program working in collaboration with Theatre Ancaster. It is designed to be a full semester (second semester typically) of theatre focused classes. Our goal is to have a whole Broadway show performed by the end of May/beginning of June run and performed by ArtSmart students based on interest in all aspects of theatre. The morning classes focus on teaching skills in theatre - vocal music, drama, technical theatre skills, etc. In the afternoon our director from Theatre Ancaster comes in to teach the co-op portion of the course. This is when the majority of the rehearsal process will take place. The intention is that students complete Grade 9 and all of the compulsory credits, so they have more flexibility in their timetable for their ArtSMART classes in semester 2. You can choose to apply for ArtSMART for one or multiple years. Many students choose to participate for 2-3 years but it's not required.

Students attend first semester at their home school and are transported to MacNab during the ArtSMART program. Regular check-ins with your guidance counsellor is important to ensure your credits satisfy Ontario Secondary Diploma requirements. Students can choose either a performance or a technical stream based on interest and experience. Theatre experience is not a requirement.

The auditions are usually in June and September. We ask you to prepare a song and/or dance and/or monologue in the performance stream and some sort of portfolio for the technical stream. We like to have a chat about goals and interest in the program and give auditioning students a chance to ask any questions they have about the program as well.