

# DRAMA ARTS PROFILE



“All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players: They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts...”

From William Shakespeare’s *As You Like It*

The Drama Arts Profile will help students explore and develop the skills necessary to make their “*exits and entrances*” in their world.

Drama involves creating and performing characters in order to foster creativity, improve cooperation, communication and develop identity. Through the use of their body, voice, imagination, sensibilities, knowledge and culture, students will learn to give concrete expression to their ideas, mental images and emotions, and develop aptitudes that are applicable to all aspects of life, e.g. emotional control, concentration, memorization, etc. In today’s technical world, employers are looking for candidates who are **confident, creative and productive**, and being at ease with public presentations and speaking engagements is considered an asset in several professional fields. These are the character traits developed by studying the dramatic arts.

Students will work together with one goal in mind: **the production of dramatic performances in front of an audience. (short & long)**

**Students will be evaluated on the specific competencies set out by the MELS:**

1. **Creation and Performance**
2. **Appreciation**

**Students will also study other features of dramatic production, including improvisation skit, costuming, publicity, front house management, etc.** Whenever possible, guest speakers specializing in dramatic arts will be invited to speak to the students (including teachers).

A passion and an open-minded attitude are important for students interested in this profile.

**Where:** at St. Patrick’s High School

**Transportation:** N/A

**When:** 4 times per 10-day cycle from 8:40 to 10:15