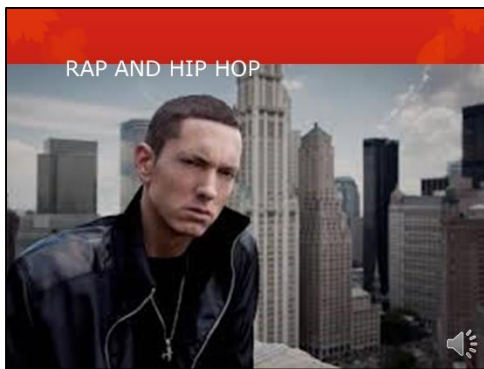


## FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

### **DRAMATIC TECHNIQUES/THEATRE** *(first and second semesters) Mr. Gary Rogers*

Students who are interested in becoming better speakers in front of a group and in learning additional skills of “presentation” should consider taking this course of study. The first semester is specifically project based where students will create outlines, work with the teacher to refine them and then present their final product to the class on a week by week basis. The basics of public speaking are taught along with specific training in all the nuances of presentation multi-media including PowerPoint, Prezi, animation, video, and digital file manipulation. The ultimate goal is to create powerful presentations that make you stand out from the crowd and also give you the confidence to present professionally at Elder, in college and the working world.



Students continuing on in the second semester we will transition to a basic study of the “theatre.” Although “performing” in front of the class is a component, this class again focuses on the structure of a project, allowing the students to work in groups that highlight their strengths and improve their weaknesses. We study historical aspects of theatre from Greek tragedies to the present day including field trips to local theatres (behind the scenes) to highlight the technical aspects of theatre. Included is a unit on technical aspects of theatrical storytelling including video and audio editing and theatrical lighting and set building and painting techniques. We also study acting, pantomime and improvisation.

