## **English 12 Syllabus**

## **Course Description**

English 12 will continue to refine the writing and reading skills the student has obtained over the course of their high school career. There will also be an emphasis on adapting these skills to real life situations such as resume writing and technical writing. The course will also cover a wide variety of literature that will be read discussed and analyzed critically. The literature will also act as a model for student writing.

A variety of technology will also be incorporated in order to maximize student interest and learning.

## **Grading Policy**

It is important for students to know that grades are not a reflection of how much I like them; grades are a reflection of the learning that has taken place and how hard they are willing to work.

Grades will be comprised of the following items: daily and homework assignments, writing/speaking assignments, quizzes and tests.

Extra credit will be very limited. Students will not be allowed any extra credit if they have a zero in the grade book for an assignment they did not do or turn in. It is not fair to the rest of the class, who have turned in everything, to give someone a chance for extra credit, who decided to not do an assignment or 2.

### **Grading Scale**

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 69-60

F 59-0

### **Cheating & Plagiarism**

Cheating will not be tolerated! If a student is caught cheating, the student will be given a zero on the assignment or test without the opportunity to regain those points.

Plagiarism: to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as ones own: use a created production without crediting the source: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

Plagiarizing is cheating!! If a student is caught plagiarizing a zero will be given without the opportunity to regain those points.

#### Late Work

Late work will not be tolerated. Assignments are due on certain dates, that will be given to you. If you turn in late work it will be counted as a zero. There are two exceptions: 1) If you are sick and miss school it will be dealt with per the student handbook. 2) If you have made prior arrangements with me with a VERY VERY VERY GOOD EXCUSE!

# **Missing Class**

When a student misses a class period, they are expected to contact me about the missed materials and assignments. I will not track you down! It is your responsibility to come see me. This refers to missing because of illness, Dr. appointments, and early release because of activities and athletics. If you know ahead of time that you are going to miss class, let me know as far in advance as you can and I will try and have things ready for you.

## **Other Expectations**

- 1) RESPECT OTHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY!
- 2) Be in your seat and prepared for class when the bell rings.

- 3) Make sure you bring paper, pen (blue or black ink) and pencil with you every day. I will let you know ahead of time on the text or other materials.
- 4) ASK QUESTIONS!!!! I am here to help make you successful. If you need help or don't understand something ask. If you don't ask it is very hard for me to help you. Don't wait till the end of a grading period to ask for help! In other words "Don't dig yourself a hole so deep that it will be hard to get out of!!!"