**Course Syllabus 2021-2022**

**Course: English 9 Honors**

**Instructor Name: Beth F. Beaudin**

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**Classroom: J205**

**Textbooks: *Pearson Literature Florida* and *Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar***

**Course objective:** The goal of this course is for students to master the Language Arts Florida Standards 910, which specify goals for reading literary texts, reading informational texts, writing, speaking and listening, and language (grammar and vocabulary). Through the reading of various texts and class activities, students will be challenged to broaden their perspective of the world using the Biblical worldview, from past to present.

**Course expectations**: Students will be expected to read critically, write for a variety of purposes and audiences, perform research and present information, give credit to sources using MLA format, and work collaboratively and/or independently on short and long-term assignments.

**Honors expectations:** Honors students will read one novel per quarter (outside of class) and complete a task for that reading. Honors students will also have additional assessment options throughout the course.

Q1- *Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Vernes

Q2- *Emma* by Jane Austen

Q3- *Night* by Elie Wiesel

Q4- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

**Materials:** Spiral notebook with three holes or a ½ inch binder with notebook paper in it specifically for English, a folder with pockets, writing utensils (pens, pencil, highlighter), 3 x 5 cards for special projects.

**Technology**: All high school students are required to have a fully charged, fully functioning laptop in class each day. Cell phones and other tablets are not acceptable devices.

**Category weights**:

50% tests and/or projects

30% quizzes

10% daily work (classwork and/or homework)

10% participation (i.e. class activities, bell work, educational games) and preparation

**Student Expectations:**

* It is expected that every student will conduct himself in an orderly, courteous manner at all times with prompt and respectful obedience to all school personnel, following all adult direction without comment. If a student questions a teacher’s decision, he/she should speak to the teacher privately after class. At that time, he/she should respectfully explain the situation and wait for the teacher’s response.
* It is expected that every student will respect the feelings and rights of others. This includes students, teachers and visitors.
* It is expected that every student will conduct himself in an honest manner, avoiding such actions as lying, stealing and cheating.
* It is expected that every student will be on time to each class and be prepared with a proper mental attitude and all their necessary materials, books and assigned work.
* It is expected that every student understands that the teacher’s desk, computer, and other personal belongings and work area is personal property and will be treated as such.
* It is expected that every student will remain in compliance with the classroom teacher’s rules, policies and procedures.

Minor student disruptions will be dealt with following the secondary 4-step discipline plan.

* The student will receive a verbal warning the first time.
* The student will receive a written warning the second time that will be sent home to the parents via FACTS and a conference may be requested.
* The teacher will assign a penalty to the student in the form of a detention, written assignment, or other discipline deemed appropriate if there is a third occurrence of discipline issues.
* The teacher will refer the student to the Administration if a fourth incident arises.

This must be signed and returned to Mrs. Beaudin by **Monday, August 16th.**

**Student/Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Annual Parent/Student Commitment Agreement

This must be signed and returned by August 16, 2021.

I/We have read the Parent/Student Handbook and will adhere to the policies within. We agree to cooperate with School administration in seeing that the Student regularly adheres to the School's attendance and behavioral guidelines.

I/We Agree to adhere to the Student Personal Technology Usage Agreement located at <https://www.sfcakings.org/campus-life/technology.cfm>.

I/We will ensure that all information in FACTS is current and accurate including all contact and medical information.

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