

## **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS**

### **A. OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE**

#### **ENGLISH 10**

This course will present students the opportunity to study poetry, a selection of short stories, at least one novel, and one Shakespearean play. Writing assignments, including essays, will be completed regularly throughout the semester through which the student will gain confidence in expressing thoughts using acceptable and appropriate English. Communication skills will be developed through group work and oral communication.

### **B. GENERAL COMMENTS**

Each student has the potential to contribute substantially to the class atmosphere. This contribution can be positive only if attendance is consistent. When a student misses time, the notes alone will not review the entire class. It is impossible to recapture the discussion, questions, and explanations that are merely highlighted in the notes. Therefore, regular attendance is essential. Extracurricular activities are extra; therefore, absences for such activities should not interfere with assignments, test preparation, etc. Students should review their schedule and assignments should be passed in before they leave for tournaments. See the teacher to reschedule tests. This is the student's responsibility.

### **C. ASSESSMENT**

Assessment of student learning will be based on tests, assignments, individual and /or group projects and formal examinations.

#### **WRITING ASSIGNMENTS**

- Use white standard unlined paper
- Double space writing or typing
- Handwritten assignments must be legible
- If a computer is used, please understand that excuses dealing with faulty printers, deleted work, etc. will not be accepted. The student is given plenty of notice of due dates. Hand write the assignment if there are computer problems.

#### **DUE DATES**

- All assignments must be passed in on time. There will be few, if any extensions.
- Each day an assignment is late, 20% will be deducted from the final grade of the assignment.
- If the student is absent on the scheduled due date, have a friend or relative deliver the assignment or have the parent/guardian contact the teacher at the school.

#### **TESTING**

- Plenty of notice for tests is given.
- If the student is legitimately excused on a scheduled test day, be aware that he/she may be tested immediately upon return to class.

### **D. EVALUATION**

70% - tests, assignments, homework, projects, etc. assigned over the duration of the course.

30% - final exam

**E. CONTACT FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN**

Parents/guardians may contact the teacher, to discuss concerns, by phoning the school. Sydney Academy 562-5464.

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