**12th Grade English (including January Grads)**

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             Welcome back!  I hope you had an enjoyable summer.  In order to ensure a smooth, successful year, the following contract must be read and signed accordingly.  Reading this carefully before the beginning of the year will prevent most misunderstandings and confusion and you will understand your responsibilities for your senior year in this class.

 **Materials recommended:**

~pen/pencil

~three-ring binder

~dividers for the binder

~loose-leaf paper

~folder

**About notebook- 3 Ring Binder**

~Should be at least 1 and ½ inch binder to allow space for the entire year. I also suggest that it has folder pockets or should contain a folder inside.

~ You will have 4 different sections to your binder making dividers necessary

1. Notes
2. Literature
3. Journal/Free-Writing
4. Miscellaneous

**Classroom Rules**

There is no tolerance for those who break these simple rules and detentions will be assigned to those deserving.

~No food in classroom.  Bottled water is permitted but no soft drinks please.

~PHONES AWAY PLEASE.  You get one warning.  Then phones will be taken away and points will be deducted.

~Stay in your seats until the bell or unless otherwise directed.

~Disrespect towards others will not be tolerated.

~Profanity is not used in our classroom.

~Do not blurt out answers or interrupt others.

**What will be covered this year:**

~ *Kite Runner*

~ *Hamlet*

~ *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*

~ *The Body*

*~ Shawshank Redemption*

~ Grammar

~ College Essays

~ Research Paper/Project

~ Oral presentations

~ Independent reading projects

~ Short Stories

~ Poetry

~ Portfolios

\*Some changes may be made

 YOU MUST FOLLOW SACHEM’S ATTENDANCE POLICY.  Don’t be late and don’t miss more than 9 classes or you will be dropped and will not graduate.  You are also responsible for any work you miss and if you have an illegal absence (class cut, etc.)  work, quizzes and tests included, can not be made up!

 You must come to class prepared every day with your binder, pen and appropriate text.

Extra help is available!  You can see us before or after school depending on the day.  We may also be available during your lunch period. Come see me to make arrangements.

**ALL GRADES ARE AVAILABLE ON PORTAL**.  Make sure you know your ID and password.

This class uses a point system for grades:

Homework:  10-25 points

Quizzes:  50 points

Exams:  100 points

Research Projects:  200-300 points

Remember, you are seniors and need to be responsible for YOU.  Parents/Guardians will not be able to contact professors or boss in years to come.  Time management, communication and being diligent are not only important skills for your success in this class, but are life skills.  As seniors, be prepared to be treated as adults and held responsible for your actions.

We understand it is your senior year, but remember, it is a very important year!  Do not allow senioritis to take over! **Remember: You need English to graduate**!  **You are responsible for your grade.**  If you do not complete the work, and we have nothing to work with, you may fail for your senior year, which means you will not graduate.  You’ve made it this far. Now is not the time to slack. Also, **colleges look at your entire senior transcript.**  If you do well the first semester but not the second, colleges can decide to decline your acceptance.  Do not put yourselves (or your parents/guardians) in any of the above situations!

We do not foresee any problems and anticipate an exciting, challenging and rewarding year!  We look forward to working with all of you!

Parents/Guardians, if you have any questions regarding anything at all, please do not hesitate to e-mail  or call me at school (716-8200). Here is to a successful and invigorating year ahead!

Signature of student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Signature of Parent/Guardian:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_