

Welcome, 9 Advanced English students! We are beginning on a year-long adventure of discovery and growth. In June, you will hopefully look back on this day and realize how much you have grown and changed.

Our class is a survey course of the different genres of literature. We focus on short stories, drama, novels, poetry and non-fiction. You are required to bring your big anthology to class every day unless otherwise directed. The other book that you will need on a daily basis is the grammar workbook. All other books purchased for English can be kept in your locker until needed.

Class is a time for learning. We are all supportive of this goal so all SBHS rules in your Student-Parent Handbook apply. We will act with respect and dignity toward one another.

All homework completed for this class should be typed. If you are unable to use a computer, write your homework out neatly, using pen. Homework is collected on the date that it is due. Homework that is late receives 50% credit for one day after the due date. No credit will be given for work turned in later than one day. Excused absences are a different matter. It is the student's responsibility to get missed assignments and make arrangements with the teacher to turn them in on an agreed upon date. It is a good idea to have a homework buddy in class. Exchange phone numbers and emails so that you can contact each other and find out what happened in class if you are absent. Students who leave class for co-curricular activities (sports, drama, field trips for other classes, etc) are responsible to find out the work they will miss and have it ready on the due date.

Grades are earned in three categories: classwork/homework, quizzes, and tests/papers. Classwork/homework is worth 25% of the grade; quizzes are worth 25% of the grade; and test/papers are worth 50% of the grade. Each quarter grade is worth 40% of the final semester grade. A semester final is given which is worth 20% of the final semester grade.

There is little opportunity for extra credit. I try to support the arts and encourage attendance at the plays. Students who attend the plays or participate in the plays are encouraged to write a review of the performance which will earn extra credit.

I hope that you are excited to be at Saint Bonaventure High School. I hope that your time here will be blest with many opportunities for success.

God bless you always,

Mrs. Basolo

Go Seraphs!