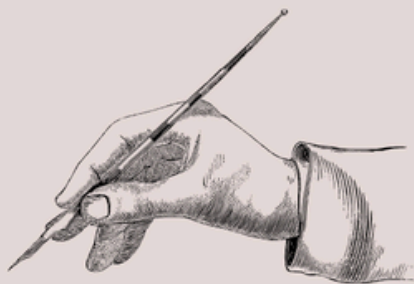


Mr. Dishon

Middle School Writing

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Course Description

Students will be delving into the writing process (brainstorming, rough drafts, editing, revising, more editing, more revising) until they have a perfect, publishable final draft they can be proud of! They will be producing expository text (Personal Narratives, Literary Analysis, Rhetorical Analysis, Argumentative Writing, Research Study) as well as creative writing. We will also be studying effective communication in writing and the standard conventions of grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

Policies & Procedures

Technology

- Chromebooks must be charged at home. PSS points will be deducted for charging at school
- Chromebooks should remain closed unless otherwise instructed
- Cell Phones must be turned off and remain in their storage pocket until the bell rings at 2:45
- No wearable technology or AirPods
- No music on Chromebooks (Mr. Dishon is class DJ for life)
- No games on Chromebooks except for educational purposes and under teacher supervision (not even NitroType)

Classroom

- The inside of each desk must be kept clean of trash and loose papers - failure to do so will result in point deduction
- Leaving the classroom (for the restroom or nurse only!) requires permission, a lanyard, and signing out - failure to wear a lanyard outside of class will result in a point deduction
- Must have a personal reading book at all times in all classes
- Students may not work on classwork or homework from other classes
- Water bottles may not be kept on top of or beside desks

Expectations

1. Be Ready to Learn: enter the classroom quietly, go to your desk, get supplies out and ready
2. Work Hard
3. Earn Your Break (it's simple!)
4. Be Kind & Respectful: to adults, other students, and other people's property
5. Ask Questions with a raised hand
6. Participate
7. Clean Up After Yourself
8. All students should maintain a shared culture of support and positive environment ("Treat people the same way you want them to treat you" Luke 6:31)

Grading

BASED ON A POINT SYSTEM

- Points may be deducted for incomplete work, if directions are not followed, or if grade level effort is not shown
- SHS follows Diocesan Guidelines for grading breakdown.
- Students are considered proficient if they achieve a 70% or higher on a summative assessment

OVERALL GRADE BREAKDOWN

- 20% Formative Assessments: homework, group work, discussion, quick writes
- 80% Summative Assessments: tests, quizzes, projects, and Accelerated Reader Points

TEST/PROJECT CORRECTIONS

- Students who score below a 70% on a summative exam or major project may be allowed to correct the score up to a 70%

Missing Work

Weekly Late Work

May be turned in until the end of the trimester to the late work basket. 10 points will be deducted from PSS and the assignment will receive no higher than 70% credit

Summative Assessments

Projects and essays will receive a 1 point reduction daily and 10 points will be deducted from PSS.

Absent Work

Students have the number of days absent to make up any required work. If students are only absent the day of the test, they should be prepared to take the test the day they return.

Homework

Google Classroom: Most assignments and class announcements will be posted here

FACTS: Students can check FACTS for daily updates and homework assignments

Student Agenda: Students are expected to record daily homework, assessments, and project due dates

**Please sign, acknowledging
you have read and understand
the policies above.**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Accelerated Reader

Students are required to do independent reading outside of class.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a program that sets individual and personalized goals for each student to complete during the trimester. To reach these goals, students will take quizzes on novels they have read to earn points toward their goal (school required novels do not count toward these goals).

AR Quizzes can *only* be taken at school during school hours. Students will be given time during classes to do these at least once a week. Only books read at or above their personal reading level, as established by their STAR Reading Test score, will qualify toward points awarded.

A Summative Grade will be given each trimester based on the percentage of the goal they have accomplished during that trimester.