**Grade 9 English Language Arts**

**Course Outline and Evaluation – Fall/Winter 2018/19**

**Teacher:** Mr. Wakefield

**Location:** Room 218

**Course Content**: Grade 9 English is a full-year course divided into two semesters/4 terms. The focus of this course is on improving reading, writing, grammar, comprehension, speaking and listening skills. Independence and growth mindset will be fostered throughout the year as students accept increased responsibility for their learning.

**Syllabus:**

**1st Semester**

* **Unit 1**
  + Developing Reading Skills using Literary Fiction, Literary Non-Fiction and Information Texts.
    - Article of the week
    - Elements of a Short Story
  + Developing Writing Skills focusing on form across a variety of genres.
    - Writers notebook

**2nd Semester**

* **Unit 2** – Novel Study- The Outsiders
* **Unit 3** – Shakespeare- A Mid-Summer Nights Dream

\*Embedded within units 2 and 3 will be regular response to reading, both in writing and through discussion.

**Material Requited:** Pen/Pencil

Binder

Scribbler/Notebook

Duo-tang (2nd Semester)

Loose-leaf

USB

**Semester 1 and 2 Assessment:**

Formative Assessment:

Formative assessments measure **student progress during the learning process**. This data is collected through conversations, both informal and formal, teacher and student observations and the collection of student products.

Summative Evaluation:

Summative evaluations measure what students **have learned and are able to do at the end of a unit of study**. This data is collected through formal conversations, teacher observations and/or the collection of student products.

***Final Evaluation:***

*The final evaluation will take place during the last week of classes in June, in the form of a teacher/student conference.*

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**English Language Proficiency Assessment:** Grade 9 students across the province of New Brunswick are required to write the ELPA. This assessment focuses on reading comprehension and will be written in January. The province has stipulated that students must pass the ELPA prior to graduation.

**Extra Help**: If at any time a student is having difficulty in the course, extra help is available upon a student’s request.

**Absenteeism**: Any student who misses a class is responsible for the material he/she misses. If a student misses a test, it is his/her responsibility to make arrangements to write the test. Tests missed will not be written during classes.

**Note**: This course is an academic course and, as such, will require that students do some work outside of class time. If students do not complete required homework, their lack of participation will be addressed according to school policy. Please find homework and assignments on my Teacher Page at <http://bonarlaw.nbed.nb.ca/> Click on: Teacher Pages and then: Mr. Wakefield

**Throughout the year, students are expected to read a minimum of 4 independent novels. As such, you should see your child reading most week nights for, at least, 20-30 minutes.**

**\*Course Outline is Subject to Change\***

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Please sign and return *only this page* to indicate that you have read and understand the contents of the course outline:

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If possible, also please provide me with an email address where I can reach you when I need to update you on the happenings in Grade 9 English and/or speak to you regarding the student’s progress. It can be difficult to make contact by phone, so this could prove to be a more expedient and efficient form of communication between home and school.

I look forward to getting to know you this year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Wakefield B.A., B.Ed.

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_