English 123

Course Expectations and Syllabus:

Mrs. Roberts.

**Course Description:**

English 12-3 is a one-semester course for students post-graduation is community college or the world of work. The course is based on further development of reading/ viewing, writing. Representing and speaking/ listening skills. In this semester, students will participate in a class novel study that will focus on discussion. Students will practice their literary skills in responding to “Articles of the Week”. Using the Write Traits to express their ideas in writing a variety of forms, students will also focus on a multi-genre study at the end of the semester**.**

**Key Units of Study:**

* Novel study à Using the novel Bear Town by Fredrik Backman. Common themes that will arise include: Community break-down and inequality; Culture, character and entitlement; Loyalty and belonging; and resistance and courage.
* Read Shakespeare
* Write an MLA essay.
* Multi-Genre Study à The final unit is a self-directed study where students must examine a topic of their choice and showcase their learning with a creative visual.

**Evaluation: Please be aware that your Speaking and Listening, Writing and Representing, and your Reading and Viewing marks will also come from work done at home.**

* 20% à Speaking and Listening
* 20% à Writing and Representing
* 30% à Reading and Viewing
* 30% à Multi-genre project+ presentation
* Final Marks will be adjusted to account for the final assessment (exam) which is worth 30%, unless the attendance incentive applies

\*\* The outline is always subject to change.

**Absenteeism and marks**

A legitimate absence is for school related activities, illness or bereavement.  Travel, hair appointments, etc. are not valid excuses for missing class.

**Late assignment policy:**

-    To get full marks, assignments need to be handed in by the assigned due date.

-    For every date late, after the assignment due date, 10% will be deducted from the mark (up to a maximum of 40%).  Weekends count as one day.

-    If a student is absent on a due date, a written legitimate excuse from a parent or guardian must be presented upon the student’s return, or the late-day deductions will apply.

-    A student’s mark cannot be lower than 60% given that the student deserves a passing grade on the assignment to begin with.  Any work getting a mark of less than 60% will receive that grade.

**-    In order to be graded, all work must be handed in no later than one week after the given due date of the assignment.  Term marks are final.**

**BLMS Attendance Incentive –**

Exams are normally worth 30% of students’ mark. To reach Academic Incentive, a student must meet the following criteria:

1)                Miss 5 or fewer classes in that particular subject (school activities exempted); AND

2)                Be in good standing (not owing for assignments, projects, etc.)

The subject teacher will then apply one of the three following options to the student’s advantage:

1)                15% Final Exam, 85% Class Mark

2)                50% Final Exam, 50% Class Mark