**Mr. Anstett’s Grade 9 ELA Class**

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**Ste. Rose School**

**Course Designation: 10F Credit Value: 1.0 Course Code: 0001**

*Course Description*:

Throughout the course of the semester, students will be focusing on further developing their ELA skills. Students learn to listen, speak, read, write, view, and represent from an English Language Arts focus. You will do this looking through texts, plays, and anthologies.

*Proposed Texts and Units*:

* Killing Mr. Griffin (Text)—September/October

Do your mistakes define you? *Killing Mr. Griffin* is a story about students making a terrible mistake and try to avoid getting in trouble for their mistake.

* The Giver (Text)—October/November

*The Giver* follows a boy named Jonas who lives in a world without crime, sadness, or choices.

* The Hound of the Baskervilles (Text) – November/December

Sherlock Holmes is one of the most iconic characters in literary history. Sherlock and Watson try to solve a case of a mysterious hound that is terrorizing a family.

* The Outsiders (Text)—December/January

Based on the 1960’s, *The Outsider* follows Ponyboy as he deals with societal and personal expectations.

*Curriculum Documents:*

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/ela/docs/s1\_framework/s1\_fulldoc.pdf

*Classroom Expectations*:

1. We respect each other. We are all different and unique, and each of us has something to add to each other’s learning. When we are sharing these experiences, we will listen and respond with respect.
2. We try our best. Not everyone is equal when it comes to their abilities. I only ask that you try to give your best every day, and that today you are trying to be better than yesterday.
3. We are a team. We are allies and are here to help each other on the journey through education. I am your coach, not your boss.
4. We learn from our mistakes. We are all human and as such, we make mistakes. Get up, dust yourself off, and learn from it so that you do not repeat your mistakes again.
5. We celebrate each other’s success. If one member of the team wins, we all win.

*Assessment Breakdown*:

30%..... Final Exam

\*\*The exam will take place during the allotted day during the exam period. The exam will be developed by the division\*\*

70%.... Course Work

\*\* Students will receive a variety of assignments designated for assessment. These will include (but are not limited to) written, verbal, and group assignments. Students will be marked on an overall percentage based off of the weighted value of each assignment. Rubrics/checklists will be used aid in the understanding of expectations and will be used to mark the final copy of the students. \*\*

*Formative Assessment:*

Assignments may be taken in to check on the understanding on the progress of the student. Students will be expected to submit assignments to check the overall understanding of the student’s progress and receive feedback regarding that particular assignment.

*Required Materials:*

* Binder
* Loose Leaf
* Pencils/Pens (both red and blue)

*Cellphone Policy*:

You are expected to pay attention at all times during the lesson; which you cannot do while you are looking at your phone. Phones should not be used unless explicit instruction was given from the teacher.

*Late Policy*:

You are considered late when the bell goes. You will be marked absent if you are **more than** 10 minutes late to the lesson.

*Absences Policy*:

Your parents will be receiving an email/phone call/letter if you are absent 5 times this year. They will be receiving another email/phone class/letter if you have absent 10 times. If you are absent **more than** 10 times, a parent meeting will need to be scheduled in order for you to continue with this class.

*Plagiarism/Cheating Policy*:

Ste. Rose School Handbook outlines the expectations in regards to academic dishonesty (If at any time you are unsure about an assignment it is the student’s responsibility to ask for clarification), attendance and the use of technology.

1st offence- The student will receive a 0 (zero) on the assignment. A phone call/email will be sent to the parent/guardian.

2nd offence- A letter will also be sent home to the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian must sign the letter and return it to the school. The student will receive a 0 (zero) on the assignment.

3rd offence- The student will receive a 0 (zero) on their assignment and they will be referred to the principle for further disciplinary action. A meeting will need to be arranged with the parent/guardian to address the severity of this issue.

*Late Assignment Policy*

Assignments are expected to hand in assignments on the due date. Late assignments will only be accepted by the teacher’s discretion. It is up to the student to communicate with the teacher if they cannot complete the assignment on the expected due date.

*Extra Help:*

If a student requires extra help on a particular assignment/topic we covered in class, it is up to the student to request a meeting with the teacher.

*Re-submitting Assignments*

Students will be allowed to resubmit assignments throughout the semester. The reason they are allowed to submit assignment is because every student in own their own “learning journey”. Students will be allowed to improve from their mistakes in order to grow as a writer/ELA learner. You may only resubmit written assignments; a student cannot resubmit chapter questions/presentations/etc. The following procedure will take place in order for a student to resubmit an assignment:

* The student may only resubmit the assignment when it is written by hand (even if the original assignment was typed).
* They must also resubmit the original assignment.
* They must highlight the changes they have made from their original assignment (they cannot say they “changed everything” and highlight the whole assignment, they have to be specific as to what they changed –eg, capital letters, punctuation).
* Re-done assignments will only be accepted by the teacher’s discretion.

\*\* It should be noted that resubmitting the assignment does not guarantee a higher mark on the assignment. Your new mark will be the mark you received on the second assignment. \*\*