**9th Grade English**

**2018-2019 Syllabus**

**Teacher: Emily Ray**

**Room: 308**

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**Course Description:** English 9 is a course designed to explore reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Communication skills are fostered through writing in the form of journals, personal essays, and research projects, as well as through familiarization with the rules of grammar and mechanics. Students are encouraged to identify with others from the study of American and world literature: short stories, novels, plays, essays, and poetry.

**Textbooks and Other Literature**

*Writer’s Choice Grammar and Composition*

*Literature: The Reader’s Choice*

*The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*

*To Kill a Mockingbird*

*Night*

Other selected materials

**Necessary Daily Supplies**

Paper

Pencils or pens

One subject notebook

Index cards (1 pack)

**Grading:** The student’s grade each nine weeks will be averaged on the basis of the number of points earned divided by the total number of points possible. Grades will come from a variety of different activities, including tests, quizzes, writing assignments, classwork, homework, and participation.

**Classroom Procedures**

1.Come to class prepared. This includes being on time, being willing and ready to work, and having all necessary materials.

2. Turn in all assignments to the silver tray on my desk unless I tell you otherwise.

3. Be respectful of others and their property. This includes language, behavior, and property of other students, teachers, and the school.

4. Follow directions the first time they are given. Not hearing directions or instructions because you were talking is unacceptable!

5. Use class time wisely. Do not disrupt the learning atmosphere!

6. Adhere to all school rules and policies.

7. Study thoroughly and learn well.

**Absences:** You are responsible for getting any work you miss for excused absences. I follow the St. Clair County School System Code of Conduct concerned makeup work. You will not be allowed to make up work for unexcused absences or for parent excuses beyond 10 days. Because all tests and projects are announced well in advance, you will be expected to take tests or turn in projects on the announced dates in the event you are absent the previous day. If you are absent two or more consecutive days prior to the test date/turn-in date, you may arrange for an alternate test/turn in date.

**Restroom Policy:** You will be allowed one restroom pass per week. If you feel you need more than one per week, please bring either a parent note or a doctor’s note documenting why and how often. In order to leave the classroom, you must have a pass signed by Ms. Ray.

**Important Reminders**

\*Zeroes on assignments ruin averages, even good averages. Any points are better than zero points. Therefore, it is always better to turn in an unfinished assignment rather than to take a zero.

\*You only get out of your education what you put into it! Whining and complaining about classwork only cut into the time you could be learning something new. Please bring a positive attitude with you when you enter my classroom.

**Cell Phone/Bring Your Own Device Policy**

1. Use of cell phones and text messaging devices are prohibited during class time unless I have specifically said it is allowed for the duration of an activity.
2. There will be times when we use devices for research and assignments.
3. Be smart.
4. Use etiquette and manners.
5. During an exam, your cell phone should be stored securely in such a way that it cannot be seen or used.
6. The visible presence of such a device during an exam will result in a zero for the exam as it is considered de facto evidence of cheating.

**Food/Drink Policy:** Food and drinks will be allowed in my classroom unless they are not consistently cleaned up or become a distraction. At any time, I can revoke the privilege of enjoying snacks in class. School policy prohibits bringing outside food sources (i.e. Jack’s) into the classroom. Water in a clear container is always allowed.

The syllabus for English 9 can be found on my school webpage. Here are directions on how to get there:

1. Go to [www.scchs.sccboe.org](http://www.scchs.sccboe.org)
2. Click the School Staff tab under News and Events
3. Click on Emily Ray under Teaching Staff
4. Download the file for English 9 Syllabus

**Remind 101**

If you would like to join this class on Remind (a communication tool for schools), you have some options available.

1. Download the Remind app on a smart phone or device. Then join the class with code @bgd844.
2. Text the message @bgd844 to the number 81010.

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**Syllabus Signature Sheet**

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 9. I understand the contents of this syllabus and acknowledge that I am responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. I f I choose not to meet these expectations, I am willing to accept the consequences.

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Student Signature Date

I acknowledge that I have read the syllabus for English 9. I understand the contents of this syllabus and acknowledge that my child is responsible for adhering to class rules and procedures. If he/she chooses not to meet these expectations, I am willing to support the teacher in her commitment to carry out the aforementioned/school policy consequences. I also acknowledge that my child will be reading classic and modern literature and discussing the topics covered within the texts. Some of these topics may involve various mature themes.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Parent Information (to be filled out by parent/guardian):**

Last Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other important information: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_