

CLASS EXPECTATIONS: ENGLISH II HONORS

Our Expected Schoolwide Learning Results state that a Holy Names High School graduate is an intellectually competent woman of faith who is committed to personal growth and artistically enriched and who will lead a life of service to others. With these expectations in mind, we begin a new year together in an orderly environment which will encourage intellectual competence and personal growth. Here are our standards for work and behavior. Welcome to English class!

A Holy Names High School graduate is intellectually competent.

Intellectual competence is frequently measured by an academic grade. The academic grade in this class will be based on homework, class writing, compositions quizzes, journals, class participation, and tests. Juniors and seniors will also have a research paper in the second semester. Your grade will be measured in points; therefore your papers will come back to you with number grades, not letters. Homework assignments and quizzes will be worth five points, essays ten, tests and projects twenty or more. Point values will be announced when assignments are made. Class participation will be worth twenty points each quarter. Tests will be announced at least two days in advance. Quizzes may be given unannounced at any time and may not be made up. Semester examinations are worth 20% of the semester grade, and each quarter grade is worth 40%.

You can figure your own grade at any time. The quarter grade is the total number of possible points, minus five to eliminate one quiz grade, divided into the total points that you have earned. This number is the percentage that results in your grade:

93-100%=A, 90-92%=A-, 87-89%=B+, 83-86%=B, 80-82%=B-
77-79%=C+, 73-76%=C, 70-72%=C-
67-69%=D+, 63-66%=D, 60-62%=D-. Below 60%=F

A Holy Names High School graduate is committed to personal growth: She values good health and therefore makes wise choices concerning nutrition, physical activity, and the care of her body

Plan to be in class on time every day and to remain in your seat until dismissal. Every two tardies will cost you one point for class participation. Take care of personal needs before class time; do not ask to be excused for rest room, telephone, or drinks of water. Bring tissues and other personal supplies with you.

Even when we make wise choices, we occasionally become ill. If you must be absent for illness or emergency, you are responsible for arranging to make up the work. See me, outside of class time, for your assignments. You will have time equal to the number of days absent to complete your work. If you arrange to make up a test, you need to appear as scheduled: you will not have another opportunity to take the test. No work will be accepted after the assigned makeup date. You are always responsible for what happens in class, whether you are present or not, so check with a classmate regarding notes and announcements. If you are absent on a test day, be prepared to take the test the day you return, and if you return to class on a test day, you are expected to take the test unless we make other arrangements before class time. Quizzes may not be made up.

Please note that activity absences are different from illness absences. If you are absent for a planned activity such as a field trip or sports event, you need to meet your obligations to the class on time or in advance. No work missed due to an activity may be made up at a later date so plan early and well.

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A Holy Names High School graduate thinks critically and independently and applies these skills in problem solving. She expresses herself effectively orally and in writing. She demonstrates intellectual curiosity and exercises her talents in pursuit of learning..

Expect homework every night. It may be reading, writing, review, research, or a combination of all four, Our written work reflects our self-respect; therefore it is to be neat, correct, and r~ciy 011 time~ Work is due when class begins; cio 110t pl~ to f~ish: it, ll~g it, or st(iple it during class. Follow the school format, or you will lose points. Write on one side of the paper only; conserve paper by using the backs later for taking notes. Any five-point paper without a name on it will receive no credit, so put your name and heading on every paper first!

Please submit all work to me in room 107. Do not attempt to FAX ~t or give it to members of the school staff to turn in for you ..

She expresses herself effectively orally

As a member of this class, you are expected to participate in discussion, recitation, and notetaking. The only "stupid question" is the one that is not asked, and a response of "I don't know" usually means, "I refuse to think." Always take notes on lectures and discussions, ask your questions, make your comments, and respond thoughtfully when you are called on. It is always acceptable to be mistaken, but it is not acceptable to be lazy. Class participation is worth 20 points each quarter ...

She utilizes appropriate tools and technologies to locate, evaluate, and present information.

Bring these tools with you to class every day:

Your 3-ring binder with an indexed section for English
Binder paper, pens, paper punch, Stapler,
Dictionary'

Also bring the textbooks and other materials with which we are working at the time. If you have homework in a textbook, bring that book. No borrowing or sharing of these materials will be allowed. Appearing without materials will cost you points for class participation.

A Holy Names High School graduate serves others.

You will earn a satisfactory behavior grade in this class unless you acquire three or more marks for doing any of the following:

- Being rude to any other person
- Talking while someone else is talking or showing a lack of respect for that speaker
- Disrupting class at any time
- Leaving your seat without permission
- Chewing gum, eating or drinking, or bringing food or drink into the room
- Passing notes or throwing things
- Making any marks on classroom furniture
- Grooming yourself or anyone else in this classroom at any time

A Holy Names High School Graduate demonstrates integrity and honesty in her daily life.

Honesty is expected of all students at Holy Names: review page 5 of your handbook. In this class, plagiarism, copying, using Cliff Notes, SparkNotes or equivalents, or any other form of cheating will result in a grade of zero on the test or assignment and a behavioral grade of U for the quarter. Any paper with your name on it is to be the product of your own thinking and your own work.

My conference periods this year are Band C, and I will return calls as early in the day as the schedule allows. My voice mail number is 510-450-1110, extension 255. There is no phone in the classroom. My email address is dbarnett@hnhsoakland.org I am happy to talk with students before and after school, at lunch time, and at morning break.

