

Grade 9 French: Communication and Culture – September → June 2016-2017

Dear Parents,

Bonjour! Welcome to *Grade 9 Français: communication et culture!* This course runs every second day all year long ; therefore, attendance is extremely important !

I asked your son/daughter to share the course outline and expectations with you. I have also asked that you visit and become familiar with the class website and how it works (see link below). Your son/daughter has an assignment to complete from the website that is due _____.

A) Some Important Dates for the First Semester

- September 15: Club Fair at lunch in the library
- September 15: Grade 9 Meet the Teacher (7:00 PM)
- September 23: Grade 9 Walk-a-Thon
- November 2: Take Our Kids to Work Day
- November 9: Report Cards
- November 17 (5-8 pm)/ November 18 (1-3:30 pm): Parent/Teacher Interviews
- December 22: Last day of school before Winter Break
- January 9: School reopens
- January 30-February 2: Final Exams

B) Course Work

Please note that students receive homework on a regular basis. Home study will improve their results in this course. I update the class website on a daily basis with what we did each class as well as due dates. In addition, you will also find a parent tab as well as downloadable copies of assignments for students to save and print should they lose or forget their personal copy. Please save the class website in your favourites and check regularly.

Students should have their own French-English dictionary. For written work, students are encouraged to use **bonpatron.ca** to improve the text, and **wordreference.com** for translating words within a context. Translation sites such as Babblefish are not appropriate. Please note as well that your son/daughter has signed a school-wide policy on academic integrity and plagiarism.

C) Exams :

Prior to the exam break in January, there will be an in-class oral midterm worth 10% of the students' final mark. The final written exam for this course will be held in-class, in June, prior to the official exam week. It will consist of material from September to the end of the year, so it is important for you son/daughter to keep an organized binder.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have, or to check in to see how your son/daughter is doing in the course. Please note that I only work in the afternoons. Extra help is available at lunch and after school. Students should feel free to make an appointment.

Best regards,

Mme Natalie Thompson

nthompson@wsd1.org

www.mmethompson.weebly.com

474-1492

➔ Please sign and return this portion by _____. It will count as a homework assignment.
Parent or student comments are welcome.

- I have read and understood (*with the help of my son/daughter*) the material in the course outline.
- I am aware of and have visited the class website. (www.mmethompson.weebly.com)

Student's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____