

Our Mission

St. Joseph Regional Junior High School provides a Catholic Education with **C.A.R.E.**

Catholic identity

Academic excellence

Respect for self and others in an

Environment of caring

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year! Lord willing, students will finish the year as active thinkers, close readers, strong writers, and effective communicators.

A Little About Me

I graduated from Rivier University with a B.A. in Literature. This is my sixth year teaching. I've taught 5th-8th grade. Before teaching, I worked in behavioral health. I have a strong faith in the Catholic Church. I like to spend time out in nature, with family, with friends, reading, traveling, and meeting new people. A goal of mine is to open a school and write a novel.

Late Work

Students are expected to write down all their assignments in their student planners and complete their assignments on time. ***Late work will not be accepted without a note/email from home.*** If absent, students have a full week to complete the assignment(s) they missed.

What I Need From Home

We will be using chromebooks in class, I hope the student has a device at home to access material. I encourage you to check their planners and their grades. Effective communication between teacher, parent, and student will allow for a successful year. If there are any questions or concerns please contact me. If there is something that you are hearing or seeing at home that may affect the student's abilities in school, please let me know. If necessary, we can discuss on Google meet or in person.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations outlined in the student handbook. Like I stated above, they are expected to write down all their assignments in their student planners and complete their assignments on time. Additionally, I expect *awareness, engagement, patience, preparation, and self advocacy*. Lord willing, students will respect each other. I will not tolerate students putting other students down.

Flexibility and Extra Support

I will keep my eyes and ears open for opportunities to improve or adapt lesson plans for the class or for the individual. Extra support will be implemented accordingly.

Homework

No homework will be given on Fridays or over breaks with the exception of projects.

Course Description

In this English Language Arts class, St. Joseph students will have rigorous work. We will read through three novels and complete a unit of study dedicated to writing. For each of the units there will be quizzes, homework, and classwork that need to be completed on time. At the end of each novel, students will write an essay, present a project, and complete a summative assessment.

Materials

- A designated English **folder**
- A designated English **notebook**
- Required reading books
- Personal reading book (s)
- Reading flags
- Chromebook
- Pencils, erasers, pens, and sharpeners

Grading

- 15% Homework/classwork
- 15% Quizzes
- 35% Essay/Projects
- 35% End of Unit Assessment

7th Grade

- Q1: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- Q2: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- Q3: Memoirs
- Q4: *Code Talkers* by Joseph Bruchac

8th Grade

- Q1: *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- Q2: Short Stories
- Q3: *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woods
- Q4: *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

Sincerely,
Ms. Donovan

By signing this form, you have read through this document with your child and understand the course descriptions and expectations. Again, if there are any questions please contact me through the email address above.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____