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**Bienvenue à la classe de français 2019-2020**

French 1 Madame Coffelt

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**Course Description**
This course is designed to help develop beginning proficiency in French. You will learn vocabulary and grammar to help you communicate with the teacher and other students. At the end of the course, you should be able to converse with me and each other about your school life, your pastimes, likes and dislikes, and your family as well as other basic conversations. You should also be able to describe your physical and personality traits. As the course progresses you will move from English into exclusive use of French during class. Students can expect to have small homework assignments most class days.

**Teacher Webpage: French-at-Kamiak.com**
The above website has study guides and flashcards to download. Exam dates/Homework assignments are also posted. This site can also be reached by going to the Kamiak homepage and clicking on classrooms.

**Vhlcentre.com**
The above is the website for the virtual textbook and workbook activities. Assignments will be given that require use of this site. They will also receive a hardcopy of the textbook: *D'Accord*. Please understand that the textbook is NOT the curriculum. It is one resource that teachers use to teach the curriculum. Most days we will not use the textbook in class. Fridays are textbook days and the students are expected to have their textbooks with them. We receive no extra copies of the text; therefore, students need to be sure to bring the text to class when it is needed.

G**rading Policy**
Grades are entered into Qmlativ the weekend near the 15th and 30th of the month. Quia / VHL Central / and Quizlet are entered as one grade that is continuously updated. Points Oraux is a weekly score. Examens and interrogations are entered as separate events.
Semester grades will be determined on the following basis: Quia Quizzes / VHL Central / Quizlet / Points Oraux 20%, Examens Oraux 15%, Examens et interrogations 65%. Letter grades will not exceed the following scale:

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| 94.00-100.00 = A | 87.00 -89.99 = B+ | 77.00 -79.99 = C+ | 67.00 - 69.00 = D+ |
| 90.00 - 93.99 = A- | 84.00 -86.99 = B | 74.00 -76.99 = C | 60.00 - 66.99 = D |
| | 80.00 -83.99 = B- | 70.00 -73.99 = C- | 59.99 and below = F |

Grades are NOT automatically rounded up to the next grade. I will be available to discuss grades before or after school or by appointment. **I will NOT discuss grades during class time or immediately prior to class.**

**Expectations and Classroom Policies**
**Be Punctual:** Tardy in my class means you are not in your seat when the bell rings. Students will receive detentions for excessive tardies, usually on the 4th tardy and every tardy thereafter.
**Be Prepared**: Bring writing and study materials – paper/pencil/pens/French notebook – to every class.
**Be Polite:** Do not speak when someone else is speaking. Always raise your hand. *Show respect toward all members of the class*.
**No Electronic Devices:** All electronic devices need to be put away **before** the bell rings for class to begin. There is 0 tolerance for cell phones and other devices during class. Electronic devices in class will be confiscated and will not be returned until 2PM. No exceptions will be given. Students with early dismissals will also be subject to this rule. Don't use your cell phone especially if you have an early dismissal or come back at 2PM!
**Only French:** During French only time, students will forfeit points if they speak English and/or receive school detention. **Attempting to speak French is a mandatory requirement of this course!**
**Study:** Students can expect to spend around 15 minutes per day doing homework and learning vocabulary.

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**Evaluation and Grades**

**Tests & Quizzes (written –in-class) –**
All tests are weighted and are accumulative. Retakes of some quizzes for scores below 90% will be permitted before or after school. They must be completed by the specified deadline and student must complete *teacher approved* tutoring in order to qualify for retakes. All Quia assignments must be done with at least 60% to qualify. Students may redo Quia assignments to meet this qualification. Verb tests and some verb quizzes may also be weighted. No retakes are offered for major exams nor may students retake quizzes the last three weeks of a semester. **Please note that finals MUST be taken in this class.** Seniors and those leaving before the last official day of school must make arrangements to take the finals beforehand or receive an incomplete for the class or a "0" for the tests missed.

**Homework Policy –**
Students can expect homework most class periods. Most homework will be open book quizzes on Quia. All homework assignments (whether completed or not) count toward a student's grade. Please see Homework Policy for specifics.

**Participation and Oral work –**
Students earn points for classroom participation and attentiveness. Points are also accumulated by answering questions in French. Students may receive up to 25 points per week. Students who do their daily work, leave daily work when requested, participate *actively* in games, retain a positive attitude, and abide by classroom rules will receive a "15" for the week or 60%. In order to receive above this, students will need to answer questions in French on a volunteer basis. The number of marks necessary to receive "25" points varies from week to week, depending on the number of questions possible. Participation points can be lost due to the following: 1) **speaking English without permission**; 2) not leaving daily work when requested; 3) **absences** 4) tardies. Please note that absences are entered in as a "0" in the grade book.
Students will have 2 to 4 oral exams per semester. Retakes are permitted on oral exams by a designated retake/make-up period. Retakes are **not** permitted on Listening/Reading Comps or major exams.

**Attendance Policy**
**Students who are absent will be graded and expected to know the same material as non-absent students.** Please be aware that a student's grade can be adversely impacted by excessive absences. Students receive a "0" for participation and daily work when absent. Be advised that this course is NOT recommended for students who know that they will be missing more than 7 days in a semester. Please see Attendance Policy for specifics and make-up procedures.

**Hall and Bathroom passes**
Students are expected to be in this class for the entire 55 minutes. Students should NOT ask for a hall or bathroom pass except in emergencies. Students will not be allowed any hall passes during the last 10 minutes of class. When I am explaining a grammar point, do not ask to use the restroom. It will not be permitted. Students who need to use a hall pass will sign out under their period. Students should not exceed two passes per semester. Students who exceed this will have a conference with the teacher and/or lose points.

**Required Supplies and Materials:**
red pen (to correct daily work);
pencil /black or blue pen;
paper;
three-ring binder to keep handouts and study guides/notes;
You may also find it beneficial to have scissors to cut out flashcards.