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Bienvenue à la classe de français

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Course Description

This course is designed to develop intermediate proficiency in French. Students will learn to communicate in the present, past and future tenses, and in the conditional and subjunctive moods. Students will develop proficiency through drills, games, chants, and conversations in French. Students will also be exposed to French through vides and CDs. French 4 will have additional assignments tailored to prepare them for the AP French class.

Teacher Webpage: http://www.French-at-Kamiak.com

The above website has study guides and flashcards to download. This is an independent webpage. It also has links to games and on-line dictionaries. There is also a Teacher Webpage via the Kamiak School Home Page with duplicate information: **http://ka.mukilteo.wednet.edu/pages/Kamiak/Classes/01-coffeltmg-home**, In addition, an ASPEN page "Coffelt-French" lists assignment and exam dates. Once you have an ASPEN log-in, you may add this page by going to the Page Directory and clicking the icon.

Vhlcentre.com

The above is the website for the virtual 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. But when needed and advised, students are expected to have their textbooks with them.

Yabla.com

The above website is a video program exposing the students to authentic spoken French. There is a yearly subscription fee that students pay for this site. Please consult the Homework Policy for particulars.

Grading Policy

Semester grades will be determined on the following basis:
French 3: Quia/VHL Central/Yabla/Points Oraux 20%, Examens Oraux 15%, Examens et Interrogations 65%
French 4: Quia/VHL Central/Yabla /Points oraux 15%, Examens oraux 15%, AP Prep 15%, Examens et interrogations 55%.
Letter grades will not exceed the following scale:

93-100= A	87-89= B+	77-79= C+	66-69= D+
90- 92= A-	83-86= B	73-76= C	60-65= D
	80-82= B-	70-72= C-	59.9 and below= F

Grades are NOT automatically rounded up to the next grade. Grades are updated at least once per month and are posted on-line. I will be available to discuss grades before or after school or by appointment. **I will NOT discuss grades during or immediately prior to class time**.

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 because you cannot reclaim it until 2PM!
Only French: You will only be permitted to speak in French. Students will forfeit points if they speak English and/or receive school detention. **Attempting to speak French is a mandatory requirement of this course!**

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Study: Students can expect to spend around 20 to 30 minutes per day doing homework and learning vocabulary. Exit surveys state that students spend an average of 90 minutes per week on this course. French 4 can expect to spend longer due to more assignments.

Required Supplies and Materials

Students will receive a study guide for each unit as well as other handouts. Therefore, a three-ring binder or folder is essential. Students are expected to bring their binder/folder to every class and to keep it organized! Additional supplies needed include: pencils, 2 pens of different colors, scissors, and paper.

Evaluation and Grades

Tests & Quizzes (written – in class) –

All tests are weighted and are accumulative. Retakes of some quizzes for scores below 90% may be permitted before or after school. They must be completed by the specified deadline. Verb tests and quizzes are also weighted. There are no retakes for major exams or the last three weeks of a semester. **Please note that finals MUST be taken in this class.** Seniors and those leaving before the last day of official school must make arrangements to take the finals beforehand or receive an incomplete for the class or a "0" for the tests missed. French 4 students are responsible for all tests and quizzes given to French 3. Additional vocabulary and grammar may be given on which French 4 students will also be tested.

Homework Policy –

Students can expect homework most class periods. All homework/quiz assignments (whether completed or not) count toward a student's grade. Please see Homework Policy for specifics. Homework will be from a combination of Quia/VHL/Yabla/Quizlet.

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 10 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 "6" for grading period 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 "10" points varies with each grading period, 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 may have 2 to 4 oral exams per semester. Retakes are permitted on some 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. 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.

AP Prep Exercises (French 4)

French 4 students are responsible for most of the French 3 homework (assignments at teacher discretion) and their work for these will be placed under the same category. If other quia at-home quizzes are given to French 4, these too will be placed under that category. In addition, French 4 will have assignments which are designed to prepare them for AP French. These include listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Speaking assignments can be placed under the Oral Exam Category and may be given in addition to or in lieu of the French 3 oral exams. Reading, writing, and listening assignments designed to prepare students for the AP French class will be placed under the AP Prep category. These assignments may be curved in order to compensate for level difficulty. The curve may change as the year progresses and as students achieve a higher fluency.