**10th Grade English Syllabus**

1. **Units of Study**
   1. Literature
      1. Tuesdays with Morrie
      2. Flowers for Algernon
      3. Romeo and Juliet
      4. Speak
      5. To Kill a Mockingbird
      6. Lord of the Flies
      7. Short Stories
   2. Writing
      1. 2 Research Papers
      2. Informative Pieces
      3. Persuasive Pieces
      4. Narrative Pieces
      5. Practical Writing
   3. Keystone Review
   4. Vocabulary
   5. Grammar and Punctuation
2. **Procedures** 
   1. Class wikispace <http://lhs-english-10.wikispaces.com>
   2. Missed work will be in a bin in the front of the room. It is your responsibility to get the materials for the days you have missed and turn everything in to me in a timely fashion
   3. Athletic events, field trips, being tardy to school, etc are NOT excuses for not turning in your work. If you are in school at any point of the day, I will expect to see your work that is due. FYI, I do check the absentee bulletin.
   4. Extended absences are given as many days missed to make up work. Please try to schedule with me the days you will be gone. I will give you the work you need to do while you are out.
3. **Grading**
   1. Extra credit will be offered throughout each nine weeks. Do NOT ask for it; take advantage of it when it is available.
   2. Grades are based on points, not percentages.
   3. Homework is **NOT** accepted late for any reason
   4. Papers and projects are deducted a full letter grade for each day late. After it reaches a week late, I will NOT accept it.
4. **Helpful Links and Applications**
   1. [www.lhs-english-10.wikispaces.com](http://www.lhs-english-10.wikispaces.com)
   2. Dropbox
   3. google docs

**V. Other Considerations**

1. You must receive permission **BEFORE** you are excused from my class. Such permission is rare.
2. **NO** cell phones, drinks, or food in my class.
3. You are assigned to my class. If you want to float stock, help with homecoming, etc., you must first ask for my permission. Also, you must have a “C” grade or better in my class to get permission and there still could be a possibility that I will say “no”.
4. The reason there are four minutes between periods is to allow you time to go to your locker and/or go to the restroom. It is not recess. Don’t ask me to go to your locker to get a book or to go to the restroom, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
5. I do check my email often so questions in the evening can always be answered. I am here to help you so take advantage of it.
6. Only consult other Regular English classes about work. Honors English classes may do the some of the same novels; however, they will be doing different assignments, tests, projects, etc.

**SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BY 10TH GRADE**

1. Please and thank you, as in “yes, please” or “no, thank you”. Especially use when addressing parents, relatives, and people in the service industry, such as Laurel cafeteria ladies and Laurel janitorial staff.
2. Holding a door open for a girl/woman or allowing a girl/women to enter a room before you. Also, opening a door or car door for a girl/woman
3. Washing your hands after going to the bathroom or before eating lunch. Germs like to travel to desktops and computer keyboards.
4. The hallways are not public garbage dumps. You should be proud of your school and be willing to take the time to bend down and pick up papers, pencils, and bottles, even if this garbage is not yours! Janitors are not your slaves.
5. Saying “hello” to someone in the hallway, even a teacher or one of your former teachers. Don’t avoid eye contact or look away even if he/she was not your favorite
6. You should be able to discuss a grade, make-up work, or any problem, such as a detention, with a teacher before you have your parents intervene for you. You are young adults. Soon, you will be at a college where you will not have your parents intervening for every difficulty you face. Time to grow up and interact with adults on an adult level.
7. **Choices: the choices you make today may affect what your future will be.**
8. Avoid Vulgar Language-you are no more a man or woman because you know how to swear. No vulgar language in school or my classroom.
9. Public Displays of Affection: (PDA) Yes, you may be madly in love and want the world to see how much you love one another, but not in school. Holding hands is OK, but passionate hugs and kissing are not part of your education.
10. Please follow the school dress code. I do not want to be embarrassed nor do I want to embarrass you because you are not wearing appropriate school clothes.