Course Description:
*English 6* students master previously learned core elements. Along with developing research and language skills, students are able to select and use different forms of writing (original stories, poetry, letters, expository and persuasive essays). Students vary sentence structure and use more complex punctuation such as hyphens, semicolons, and possessives. Students edit their writing based on their knowledge of grammar and usage, spelling, and punctuation to produce final, error-free pieces of written composition.

Class Rules:
In addition to district and campus policies, our classroom rules are as follows:
- **Be respectful** to your teacher, classmates, and classroom materials.
- **Be prepared** with class materials and homework at all times.
- **Be positive** when trying and learning new strategies and genres!

Required Materials:
- **Folder or section in binder** to organize homework, notes, and handouts. Throughout the school year you will receive documents that you are expected to keep. A folder or section in a binder will help you stay organized! You do not need a separate English binder/trapper-keeper.
- **Composition Notebook** to be used daily in class. Spiral journals will not be permitted for this - pages must be sewn. Composition notebooks will be left in class, and graded throughout the school year - *late grades on composition notebooks are not permitted* - leave notebooks in class! Composition notebooks will not be used for extra paper.
- **Legal Notepad or spiral** (of any color) to be used for drafts in progress. Final pieces will be submitted on Google Classroom - class time will be provided for this.
- **Reading material** of your choice. The best way to improve your writing craft is to read published writers!
- **Writing utensils** will be needed each day. Additional supplies may be required as the school year progresses.
- **Planner or agenda** to keep track of due dates and daily progress goals. All students are expected to record the daily agenda at the start of each class.

Absences:
When you are absent, please contact me to receive your missing work. You may e-mail me or see during tutorials when you return whether you have class that day or not. School related absences (athletic, UIL, etc.) must be taken care of prior to the absence. You will receive any work you missed.

Grading Standards:
*English*
- Evaluation 50% (tests, essays, projects)
- Application & Reinforcement 50% (quizzes, daily grades, homework)
Late Work:
Students are expected to turn in all assignments by the stated due date. Late assignments will receive a penalty.

Class Website:
The class website has a plethora of information for you. Please visit the site and familiarize yourself with all the information that can be found there. Go to: https://goo.gl/2jw0nc

Electronic Devices:
There will be days when you may find it useful to bring a personal device (smartphone, laptop, tablet, etc.) to class. I will let you know when you may want to do so; otherwise, your device must remain in your locker! No personal devices? No worries! You'll have access to technology via the computer labs, classroom computers, or the ipad cart! Students must adhere to the district electronic usage policies outlined on pages 35-36 in the Student Handbook. For more information see the excerpt below:

For safety and instructional purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during instructional time, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes. A student must have approval to possess other telecommunications devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers. If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated. The following hierarchy of consequences is imposed based upon the first, second, third, and subsequent offences:

- 1st offense: Warning, parent notification, and parent collects the telecommunications device.
- 2nd offense: $10.00 fine is assessed; the telecommunications device is held in the principal’s office for ten calendar days and until the fine is cleared; and the parent collects the telecommunications device.
- 3rd offense: $10.00 fine is assessed; the telecommunications device is held in the principal’s office for thirty calendar days and until the fine is cleared; and the parent collects the telecommunications device.
- Subsequent offense(s): The telecommunications device is held in the principal’s office until the end of the school year and the parent collects the telecommunications device.

Academic Dishonesty:
Cheating or plagiarism of any kind will result in failure of the assignment. Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common knowledge.

- A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, graphics, or pictures of another person without acknowledgment.
- A student must give credit to the originality of others whenever:
  1. Directly quoting another person’s actual words, whether oral or written;
  2. Using another person's ideas, opinions, or theories;
  3. Paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written;
  4. Borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material; or
  5. Offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgment.

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