

# SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR ENGLISH 9

with Mrs. Humphries

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## Classroom Expectations

My goal is to ensure your optimum success. I hope you will come to speak with me about any concerns you have about the course and your progress. The following guidelines are set up following the school's policies.

- Be prepared. You are expected to come to class with your appropriate books and writing utensils. You will have a difficult time following along without your books and will NOT be allowed to leave class to go to your locker for forgotten items.
- Please be punctual. Students who arrive late to class are asked to not disrupt the lesson already in session. This means entering and taking your seat as quickly and quietly as possible.
- Your attendance is crucial to your success. Should you be absent, you are encouraged to check the website to find out what you missed and to have your parent/guardian email or write me a note to excuse your absence. When possible, advance notice of an upcoming absence is appreciated. Have a reliable classmate put your missed papers in the "While You Were Away" folder for you when you return or print them from the website.
- All projects, oral presentations and assignments must be submitted on the due date. In order to have your late work accepted, it must be accompanied by a late slip signed by a parent or guardian. I would strongly recommend that you request an extension on a major project or assignment before it is due, if you know that you will have a lot of commitments at that time.
- An emphasis on technology will be explored and students are expected to participate in the class blog discussion forums and to access the library computers after school for computer-related assignments (if a computer is not available at home). As well, in an effort to reduce paper waste, the preference will be for most work to be handed in digitally, when possible.
- I believe communication between home and school is crucial for supporting your success and look forward to meeting your parents/guardians and sharing good news and concerns throughout the year.

**\*\*Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**I would appreciate an email (with your child or charge's name) so that I will have them for future communications. As well, this will confirm that your child shared their "Course Outline and Expectations" with you. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to meeting you!**