

Bienvenue à notre classe de français II

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Course Overview

This semester we will be expanding upon what you learned in French I. In our class, we will begin to master the four areas of language learning: speaking, listening, reading and writing. In addition, we will continue to learn about the cultures of French-speaking countries around the world. *A strong French I background is expected as more of class will be conducted in French.*

Academic Expectations

When you begin French II, it is expected that you know the concepts and vocabulary that we learned in French I. This course moves quickly and requires a far greater commitment than French I. If you were weak in French I you will need to work harder to succeed in this course. If this is the case, please seek extra help immediately to help you start the semester strongly.

Classroom Expectations and Rules

We will be spending a lot of time interacting with each other in our class. Therefore it is important to create an environment where everyone can learn. All students are required to follow the school code of conduct (see your student agenda). In addition, you will be expected to follow our class rules. By observing these rules, our time together should be pleasant for everyone.

- 1. Respect yourself, your peers and your teachers.**
- 2. Be polite at all times.**
- 3. Arrive on time and be prepared and ready to learn when the bell rings!**

Please go to the restroom or your locker before class as passes will only be issued in case of emergency!

***I DO follow school rules; therefore there will be consequences for lateness to class. Also, I will ask you to remove your hat, sunglasses, ear buds etc. Please note this now.

Attendance

The key to successfully learning a new language is practice! Therefore, you are expected to attend class **regularly** and **on time**. We will be learning something new each and every day. You will be responsible for the material we learn in class even if you are absent!

Grading

A point system will be used to calculate your grade. The number of points for projects, presentations and tests are greater than the number of points for quizzes, class work, and homework, but **every** point is important. Therefore, **you should always do your homework and review in preparation for the next class**. Quizzes are not always announced! Tests will be announced and you will know at least a couple of days in advance to allow for review.

The primary categories for grading include homework/outside reading, weekly participation, class work, quizzes, presentations (oral and/or written), and tests but may also include other miscellaneous grades.

Homework

Expect (more of it) it every night-even on the weekends! Homework is an important way to practice and review class material. Keeping up with your assignments will not only help

your “homework grade,” but also give you the practice you need to succeed. All assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the date due. Frequently missing homework assignments may result in an academic detention.

In French II, you should also expect a short weekly outside reading/writing assignment. These will be handed out on Monday and will be due on Friday. Keep this in mind as you plan your week. They are worth ten points each.

The pace in this course will be **rigorous** and students need to keep up with all assignments to succeed. It is recommended that you spend **at least 20 minutes** a day reviewing course material in addition to the time spent completing homework assignments.

Make-up Work

It is **your** responsibility to make up missed work after an absence. Remember that if you make no effort to make up work/assessments, you will earn a 0 for that grade. If you must miss class, any homework assigned **prior** to your absence is due at the **beginning** of the class period when you return.

If you are absent, please check your participation calendar. I will write down what material we learned and any homework assignments to make up. It is **your** responsibility to turn in the missed assignments to me per the county policy. Make sure to copy notes that you missed from a classmate since you are still responsible for learning any material that we learned during your absence!

Since we will be learning new material every day, any missed tests or quizzes must be made up **before or after school** on a day that is convenient for both of us. If you are absent on the day of a presentation, you will be expected to present upon your return. Please be advised that until you make up work/assessments, a zero is recorded in Power School.

Extra Help

I will be happy to arrange time before or after school to give additional help to those students who would like it. I want you to do the best you can in this class, so please do not wait until you are completely lost and frustrated before asking for help! You are welcome to drop in before or after school, but please be aware that I may be working with another student.

Notebook

You are required to keep a loose-leaf notebook for French II. Why? Having all of your materials organized for easy reference will help you review and prepare for class. **In addition, your notebook may be checked for a grade.** This makes it important to get all of the notes and handouts even if you are absent. Also, I may give open-note tests and quizzes. If you do not have your notes in your binder, you may not use them. Make sure to keep all of the handouts that you receive in class in your notebook! ***Please see our class website for the expected format.

Cell Phone Policy

Please be aware that any cell phone used during *class time* without teacher permission may be taken away from you for either the rest of the class period or the rest of the day. The best way to avoid this is to keep your cell phone off and away! It's that easy.

Course Unit Topics

- Unit 6: Le shopping
- Unit 1: Qui suis-je
- Unit 2: Le week-end enfin!
- Unit 3: Bon appétit

Français II Syllabus Receipt
Madame Insley
Fall Semester 2014

After reading the syllabus, please sign, detach and return this page by
Thursday, September 4, 2014.

Please share this entire syllabus with your parent/guardian so that s/he understands what you will need to do to succeed in this class.

STUDENT:

Please sign below indicating that you have read the syllabus, understood the requirements for French I and are ready to begin an exciting semester learning French!

Name (Please Print)

Student signature

PARENT / GUARDIAN:

French II is an academically rigorous course which will require a great deal of effort. I believe that it is important that we work together to help your child succeed. Therefore, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns this semester. **The best way to reach me is by e-mail** at EKInsley@mail.worcester.k12.md.us. If internet access is not available, I am usually free at the end of the school day between 2:45 and 3:30 and can be reached by calling the school at (410) 641-2171. If I am not available, please leave a message and I will return your call. In addition, information about our class can be found on our class website at <http://insleyfrench.weebly.com>.

Please sign below indicating that you have read the information outlined in the syllabus and understand the expectations set forth for your child.

Name (Please print)

Signature

Telephone number (best number to reach you) check if you prefer phone calls

E-mail (if available) check if you prefer e-mail communication

*****As a parent you have the opportunity to sign up for a daily homework reminder text/e-mail. Please see the attached directions on how to sign up.*****

Please feel free to share any other important information about your child on the back of this paper.