

# 2018-2019 Mr. Carver's Class News

## English I

Semester one incorporates Grammar, Writing, Reading, and Vocabulary skills. We will work from a Grammar book on the basics of grammar, and a Literature book for short stories. We will also work on Greek rooted vocabulary words throughout the semester. A minimum of 30 points of Accelerated Reader are due by **MAY 1ST**. No test taken at the Middle School will be accepted and anything less than 30 points is a ZERO. If a renaissance card is used a maximum of 30 points can be obtained. If a student gets more than thirty points up to 20 extra credit points can be achieved. These points have to be achieved by reading not the renaissance card. The quarter weights are Test 45%, Homework 45%, Vocab test 10%. The semester weights are: QTR 1 45%, QTR 2 45%, Semester Final and AR 10%.

## Algebra 1

We use the McDougal Littell series of Algebra. Algebra is the language of mathematics and science. Through the use of variables and operations, algebra allows students to form abstract models from contextual information. Homework is worth 2 points daily. To achieve a 100% the student must do all of the homework in pencil and show all of their work. There are APPS that will do the students homework so **PARENTS BE AWARE!** I highly recommend against the use of any APPS as most students that use them do not obtain the knowledge of Algebra and fail the test. Homework is 50% and Tests are 50% of the quarter grade. The Semester is QTR 1 45% QTR 2 45% and Semester Final 10%.

## English III Comp.

Never have writers been more in evidence in daily life than they are now. Whether it is in the form of cell phone text messages, instant messages, blogs, e-mails, personal network postings or any of the more traditional forms of writing, there is evidence readily available to show that we are taking ample advantage of our impulses to write. As the forms of writing and methods of publication increase rapidly in our digital world, the skills of writing take on new value.

Students will practice with many different forms and styles of writing, using a variety of media to communicate in writing are essential for students to become proficient writers. Successful writers choose and adapt strategies to best fit the topic, purpose and audience of the writing task. Effective writers are adept at knowing when to collaborate and seek feedback to polish and clarify their written

communication during the writing process. Proficient writers also understand the ethical and legal issues of using information gained from others in their writing. They follow the protocols of the medium and write in safe and responsible ways