

Bonjour et Bienvenue!

French 8 (French 1)

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Period 6

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Questions/comments from you or your parents are encouraged! I will do my best to respond as quickly as possible to your calls and emails.

Course Description: This course will continue to enhance the French language skills you acquired in French 7. We will work to develop your abilities in all four skill areas: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. We will incorporate authentic materials, music, art, and other activities to increase your interest and interaction with the language. Students will be expected to address each other and the teacher in French whenever possible! A little effort goes a long way!

Required Materials: *Please bring these with you to each class period.*

- 3-ring binder (or section of binder) with 3 dividers (Vocab/Notes, Homework, Quizzes/Tests/Projects) *Please keep all returned materials in your notebook so that you may use them for study and review.*
- Text: Discovering French Blanc Nouveau, Valette and Valette, McDougal-Littell
The online version of the text is available at classzone.com so you will not have to transport your book to and from school. Good news for your back!
- Pencils/Pens/Paper/Other Desired Materials

Topics Covered:

- **Unit 1:** Qui suis-je?
- **Unit 2:** Le week-end, enfin!
- **Unit 3:** Bon appétit!
- **Unit 4:** Loisirs et Spectacles
- **Unit 5:** Vive le sport! (*This unit will also incorporate material from the 2nd half of the White textbook.

Grading Breakdown:

- Tests/Projects: 35% (Approximately 3 per Unit)
- Quizzes: 30% (Approximately 1 per Lesson)
- Essays/Orals: 20% (Approximately 1 per Unit)
- Classwork/Homework: 15% (3-4 assignments per week)

Final Proficiency Exam:

- 20% of your final grade; taken in June
- Passing this exam earns students **1 credit** of High School World Language
- Earning a 90% or better on this exam is one criterion for admission into Honors French in High School.

Criteria for Admission into Honors French in High School: *(Meet at least 2 of the following)*

- 90% or higher average in the course
- 90% or higher score on the Final Proficiency Exam
- Teacher recommendation

Class Participation Expectations:

- Be respectful of your work, your classroom, your teacher, and your classmates.
- Arrive on time with all necessary materials.
- Always make an effort to speak French!
- Remember to “Be TRUE (Timely, **R**espectful, **U**nderstanding, and **E**ngaged)”

Homework Policies:

- All homework is due at the **start** of class on the designated day.
- Late work will only be accepted for **excused absences**. *(See make-up policy.)*
- Homework should be neat and labeled with your **name, date, and exercise number**.

Make-up Policy:

- Late/missing work will only be accepted with **excused absences** (as defined in your student handbook).
- The missing work is due **5 school days** from the day you return to school.
- Any work that is turned in after 5 school days will not be accepted. This includes make-up tests, quizzes, and homework.

Quiz upgrade Policy:

- Any student can earn back half of the points lost on a quiz by arranging a short meeting (after school or occasionally during class) during which the student and I will review the mistakes and make corrections.
- Upgrades are for **quizzes** only and must be done during the half of the quarter in which the quiz was taken.

Cell phones/Electronics: Cell phones should be silenced and off your desks during class at all times. Listening to music after a test or quiz is allowed with the teacher’s permission.

Extra-Help: *I am happy to provide extra help and encourage all students to take advantage of it, whenever needed.*

After-school: Wednesdays and Thursdays in Room C-207, 2:15pm-2:55pm or by appointment

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE by **Friday, September 12th** for one HW grade.

I have read and understood the **Course Information Sheet for French 8**. I agree to work to the best of my ability to achieve the objectives of this class.

Student Name (*Please print*): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____