***English I Mrs. Hernan***

*Dear English I Students and Parents/Guardians:*

*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Mary E. Phillips High School and English I. I am looking forward to the opportunity for interesting, engaging and enlightening literature. More importantly, we will be striving to make a personal connection with each text that we encounter. Students will have several projects they will need to complete over the course of the class as well as having regular homework and vocabulary words to learn. Another component of the class will be the writer’s workshop. Students will have the opportunity to improve their writing and tap into their creative side.*

***Course Description***

*English I is a language arts course for high school students designed to prepare students for the demands of two or four-year college degree programs and/or for the workplace. Selections from American and British literature are organized around significant universal literary themes are explored in depth. Elements of grammar are addressed daily through sentence examination and correction. Vocabulary words and word study skills are emphasized, examined and applied.*

***Course Content Standards/Objectives***

* *To provide a learning atmosphere that encourages critical thinking, as the students encounter these new poems, short stories and novels*
* *To present a diversity of authors and works, so as to afford the students a widened and deepened perspective on the themes which literature makes available*
* *To offer, the opportunities to not only read the works but to write originally and creatively in response to them*
* *To promote an understanding of how the themes and situations in the poems and short stories and novels which they read have interdisciplinary connections*
* *To allow them the intellectual autonomy to recognize that the themes of literature are, first, the themes of life*
* *To emphasize the value of process over product*

*Supplies needed for this class:*

1. *A composition notebook*
2. *Index cards (2 packs of 100)*
3. *A three prong folder with pockets*
4. *A one inch three ring binder*
5. *Colored Pencils or markers (for projects)*
6. *At least one pencil and a blue or black ink pen each day*
7. *One box of Kleenex*

*Optional donations:*

1. *Hand sanitizer*
2. *A roll of paper towels*
3. *Highlighters*
4. *A bag of candy*

***English I Course Outline***

***Short Stories***

*Most Dangerous Game -* Richard Connell

*Gift of the Magi -* O Henry

*The Necklace -* Guy de Maupassant

*Story of an Hour* - Kate Chopin

***Persuasive Text***

*I Have a Dream -* Martin Luther King

*Inaugural Address -* John F. Kennedy

Ain’t I a Woman - Sojourner Truth

***Dramatic Plays***

*Romeo and Juliet -* William Shakespeare

*Death Knocks -* Woody Allen

***Cultural & Historical Context***

*Excerpts from Romiette and Julio -* Sharon Draper

*Modest Proposal -* Jonathan Swift

***Novels***

*The Book Thief -* Markus Zusak

*Night* – Elie Wiesel

*Monster –* Walter Dean Myers

***Poetry***

*Fire and Ice* - Robert Frost

*Harlem* - Langston Hughes

*The Chimney Sweeper* - William Blake

*Allentown* - Billy Joel

*I use Remind to send regular text messages to keep parents and students aware of due dates for projects and assignments. I will also be posting all assignments and projects as well as daily activities to Edmodo. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with their assignments and project due dates. Students will be given plenty of time during class to work on all projects and assignments, but some will require to be completed at home.*

*I also use a vast amount of varying technology in the classroom, thus it is imperative that all students have a technology agreement on file in order to use the technology available to them at school.*

*I will be offering tutoring every Thursday from 2:30-3:30 and by appointment other days. My door is always open to parents and I love hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns you may have.*

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*I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements for Mrs. Hernan’s English I class. I will encourage my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to complete all assignments for this class on time. I have read the instructions for signing up for* ***Remind*** *messages* ***(gold paper)*** *and have signed and returned the Class Technology Agreement(****blue paper).***

Parents Name Signature Date:

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