

N. Todd Waller, English Teacher

To parents and guardians:

- Welcome to another exciting year at Edna Karr. This letter is to give you a general overview of your child's course and objectives for the upcoming year, as well as present you with some of the policies used by the school and in my classroom.
- Course Description -This two-semester course is a survey of British Literature chronologically from the Anglo-Saxon's until today, grammar, writing, and speaking skills. The course will be geared toward students being able to pass the Language Arts on all standardized and state test, as well as preparing them for college and their futures in the working world. This course will include enrichment activities designed for the academically gifted.
- Objectives – This course is designed to enable the student to:
 - enjoy reading literature and become more discriminate readers.
 - demonstrate proficiency in grammar.
 - write grammatically and critically.
 - increase vocabulary.
 - demonstrate proficient reading comprehension skills.
 - develop proofreading skills.
 - develop communication skills necessary to become competent in the ability to use the English language.
- Outline of Course Content:
 - Literature
 - The Anglo-Saxon Period
 - The Medieval Period
 - The Elizabethan Period
 - The Seventeenth Century
 - The Eighteenth Century
 - The Romantic Period
 - The Victorian Period
 - The Twentieth Century and Beyond
 - Vocabulary
 - Grade-Level
 - Literary
 - Grammar Review
 - Capitalization
 - Punctuation
 - Subject-verb agreement
 - Sentence Structure

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- Tenses
- Phrases and Clauses
- Composition
 - Paragraph development
 - Critical Review
 - An Informal Essay
 - An expository essay
 - Persuasive Essay
 - Literary Analysis
 - Research
- Resources
 - Textbook: *Elements of Literature – Second Course* (Students are responsible for the care of their assigned books. These books can run as high as \$85 each.)
 - Duplicated materials, periodicals, novels, compact disks, videos, Power Point projections, and other reference materials will be used.
- ❖ Required Materials
 - Students will need a binder (1/2 inch or 1 inch) or a folder to leave in the classroom.
 - Students will need a notebook to keep notes in, as well as turn in work from.
 - Pens in black or blue ink only.
- ❖ Evaluation
 - Semester Exam = 25%
 - Other test and quizzes = 20%
 - Papers = 20%
 - Class-work and participation = 20%
 - Homework = 15%
- ❖ Make-up procedures – Students with a legitimate excuse for missing class will be allowed to make up missed work at a time designated by the instructor.
- ❖ Tutoring – I will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. and on Wednesday afternoons until 4:15.
- ❖ Conference – My planning period is 5th period which runs from 1:06 p.m. until 1:58 p.m. on regular school days. Please feel free to call the school's office at (504)398-7115 to arrange a conference.
- ❖ Expectations, Rules and Regulations
 - Students are to follow all rules in their Edna Karr Student Handbook as well as classroom rules posted in the classroom.

- Student's are to follow the *Academic Honesty Policy* in the Edna Karr Student Handbook.
- Students are to follow the school's uniform policy at all times.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to a rewarding and productive year.

Please sign and return the following form.

Student's name (printed)

Student's signature

Parent/Guardian's name (printed)

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