**Welcome to Ms Schleppe’s English 9 Class**

I’m really excited about the year ahead. For all of us to have a great year, there are a few things that you’ll need to know to make life easier for all of us!

**Class Rules:**

1. RESPECT: Everything and everyone. It’s that simple.
2. Assignments: Everyone does every one of them. It’s also that simple. A lot of the work is done in class, so it is important that we use class time as well as we can. Any late assignments are submitted to the late bin. They won’t be graded until a lunch hour is spent in my room as a consequence. Furthermore, late assignments receive only grades, no feedback.

English Language Arts is divided into three different sections:

1. Speaking and Listening
2. Reading (and Viewing)
3. Writing (and Representing)

Assessment: There are three types of assessment that we will use in class:

1. Formative: This is where the work is done for practice so you can learn to improve before you are marked.
2. Self-Assessment (and Peer Assessment): This is where you keep track of how you are doing, figuring out what you’re doing well and what you need to work on.
3. Summative Assessment: This is the work that makes it onto the report card. Grading follows the BC Performance Standards, which means we’ll use a lot of rubrics. Grades will be assigned on the following 4-point scale:

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|  | **Beginning** -/ /**+** | **Developing**  -/ /**+** | **Accomplished**  -/ /**+** | **Exemplary**  -/ /**+** |
| **Letter Grade** | I/F | C-/C/C+ | C+/B | A |
| **Percentage** | 0 30 45 | 55 60 67 | 70 75 80 | 86 93 100 |

Silent Reading: We will be reading daily, so please be prepared.

Collaboration: Expect to work with others frequently. You will be working together most classes and expect to work with different people often. Studies show that we learn the most this way!

Contact: If you need to reach me, email is best: [sschleppe@sd42.ca](mailto:sschleppe@sd42.ca). Of course I can often be found in my room and will be happy to help you mornings, lunch, or after school. Let me know ahead of time and I’ll make sure I’m there. Also, assignments and other useful pieces of information will be posted on my website: [www.schleppe.weebly.com](http://www.schleppe.weebly.com).