



MRS. ZICKERT  
2015-16

## CLASS OVERVIEW

# 9 T G O L O N H 3 E T

This year-long required course for graduation and recommended to be taken at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level. This class gives students the opportunity to develop the technology skills needed to succeed in high school and beyond. Students will integrate learning opportunities and collaboration within the core disciplines using a variety of applications and *Web 2.0* tools including *Weebly, Gimp, Prezi, Leanest and Evernote*. The use of technology for research will be covered as well.

Student's will create projects using many web based programs, complete an online portfolio and participate in a classroom blog. *Microsoft Office Suite 2013 (Word & Excel)* will be explored and used throughout the course. This course will also focus on collaborating with other core subject areas. A research paper will be created using the English Department's methods and standards for writing. Portions of this course will be conducted using *MOODLE and EDMODO*, giving students an online interactive learning experience.

Please note as technology is ever changing so are some of the specific *Web 2.0* tools that are presented through-out this course. Both Michigan's Technology Standards and the National Technology Standards are covered during the year.

## CLASSROOM GUIDELINES

- ★ Be on Time!!
- ★ Do your Best!
- ★ Water Only - No food, *GUM* beverages are permitted in the lab.
- ★ Students receive two passes per quarter
- ★ Inappropriate use of the computer/Internet will result in a loss of computer time.
- ★ File sharing will result in a **ZERO** for ALL persons involved.
- ★ Take personal responsibility for your learning - **COMMUNICATION** is the key!
- ★ **HELP** is always available! Please let me know if you need some extra assistance! I am here to help you succeed!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- ★ **Email:**  
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[mrszickert.weebly.com](http://mrszickert.weebly.com)
- ★ **Planning period:** 1<sup>th</sup> Hour  
(7:40-8:35)
- ★ **Lunch:** B (12:00 - 12:30)
- ★ **Phone:** 231-882-4497  
ext.: 2227

# GRADING

All grades will be posted on PowerSchool. Please see Mrs. Zickert or the office for passwords. Check your grades daily and stay on top of your progress, grades and missing assignments for ALL your classes! Late Assignments will be accepted, but receive a maximum score of 60% (Freshman 4). Projects may be re-submitted until the end of the semester assigned - A final date for acceptance will be given prior to the end of the semester. Work Ethic points are given daily as well as for major assignments and ALL projects. Work Ethic Grades reflect a student's timeliness, effort, and attitude during class projects and assignments.

Teach your parents how to view your grades in PowerSchool and encourage them to contact teachers with questions and concerns.

CLASS GRADE DISTRIBUTION	
Assignments	35%
Projects & Assessments	45%
Work Ethic	<u>20%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**NOTE:** Final Exam is worth 15% of the semester grade.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Be productive
2. Participate in class
3. Respect yourself and others
4. Follow ALL school computer/technology rules and guidelines

## MATERIALS REQUIRED

1. **COMPOSITION STYLE NOTEBOOK** - This will be your interactive notebook and resource for the semester. See Mrs. Zickert for details.
2. **PEN OR PENCIL** - Even though a majority of what we do is computer based a pen or pencil will be required for notes, planning and sometimes quizzes. This should be brought to **CLASS EVERYDAY!**
3. **HEADPHONES (Ear Buds)** - For multiple projects and activities the use of headphones will be required for viewing videos, finding music or listening to a lesson. It is recommended that students have access to headphones for these lessons. (A cheap pair of ear plugs is the teacher's choice). Headphones will **ONLY** allowed be used when they are required for a specific project.
4. A returned **BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS INTERNET USE POLICY** is required before you will be allowed to log in to the school network/computers.

