

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
COURSE OUTLINE



Name of Course/Course Code: English, Grade 9, Academic – ENG1D

Course Prerequisite: None

Course Description: This course is designed to develop the oral communication, reading, writing, and media literacy skills that students need for success in their secondary school academic programs and in their daily lives. Students will analyze literary texts from contemporary and historical periods, interpret informational and graphic texts, and create oral, written, and media texts in a variety of forms. An important focus will be on the use of strategies that contribute to effective communication. The course is intended to prepare students for the Grade 10 academic English course, which leads to university or college preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12.

Catholic Graduate Expectations: The primary goal of Catholic education is to graduate young men and women who are discerning believers in the saving story of Christ and who become responsible citizens, based on the centrality of a tradition of church social teaching which gives primacy to the common good. This course will challenge students to examine gospel values in the context of the literature they read. The course invites students to be effective communicators who relate honestly and sensitively to literature and to each other. It encourages reflective, creative and holistic thinking and invites students to experience vicariously the choices of characters they read about and thereby become open-minded citizens who examine their own life options; it develops self-directed, responsible, life-long learners.

Units of Study

Unit 1	Prose: Examining the Craft
Unit 2	Novel Study
Unit 3	Poetry: The Language of Life
Unit 4	Drama: <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare
Unit 5	Literacy and media

Evaluation

70%	30%
Knowledge/Understanding	Culminating Task and Exam
Thinking/Inquiry	
Communication	
Application	