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French Teacher Grades 7 & 8

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Class Website: http://www.lakeshorecsd.org/Domain/223

- Quizlet: follow link to flashcards to study for weekly quizzes/ tests. Quizlet speaks French and helps students with pronunciation. There's also a Free Quizlet App for your electronic devices.
- Videos: follow links on website for educational videos we use in class.

Class Requirements: 1 ½ or 2" binder, some filler paper, pens & pencils, agenda.

7th Grade - Part 1 of a 2-year course. Level I French.

- <u>Duration:</u> full year course, meets daily.
- Notes: typed for students with some fill-ins. Follow link on website to print extra copy if lost.
- Homework: memorize vocab flashcards online, study vocab in notes packet for weekly quiz/test.
- Binders: 7th grade binder collected at end of June and returned for continuation in 8th grade.
- Exam: Local Comprehensive Exam in June

8th Grade - Part 2 of a 2-year course. High School Credit. Level I French.

- Duration: full year course, meets daily.
- Notes: typed for students with some fill-ins. Follow link on website to print extra copy if lost.
- Homework: memorize vocab flashcards online, study vocab in notes packet for weekly quiz/test.
- Binders: 7th grade binder returned for continuation in 8th grade. New binder sometimes necessary.
- Exam: State Proficiency Exam in June

Students in 8th grade <u>have to pass the class and the exam</u> in order to earn a *required* High School credit for graduation. This is a New York State Language requirement. In 9th grade, most students move on to Level 2 French. Students should stay in French to the end of Level 3 (10th grade), if they are planning on going to college.

Grading: Class average is made up of the following categories.

- 25 % Classwork/Notebook Check
- **25** % **Quizzes** (formats: listening/written/speaking/occasionally open-notebook)
- 25 % Tests/Projects (test formats: speaking/ listening/reading/writing)
- **25% Speaking Grade / Stamp Sheets** Students must speak French to succeed in class. A stamp is given for speaking French / knowing vocabulary/ answering questions in class. Stamp sheets are due every 5 weeks. Attendance is necessary in order to learn; stamps cannot be made up due to absences. In 8th grade, the average of all the stamp sheets for the year is converted into a speaking score on the <u>final exam</u>, up to 10 points.