

Welcome Back, Members of the amazing SFX Class of 2024! I am so happy to be teaching you Literature, Language Arts, and Religion this year! Of course, I want each one of you to be very successful! I am here to help you. Please tell me if you need extra help with a reading or writing assignment. We are going to have an amazing year! Ms. Tegtmeier

You can help yourself be incredibly successful by doing the following:

- * Please be prepared for each class each day: you need your **CHARGED** chromebook each day, binder, a **blue or black** pen, and the book we are currently studying. **One point will be deducted on any paper assignment that is not completed in blue or black pen.**
- * Please follow all procedures and school rules; you will learn more and have a very enjoyable 8th grade experience if you make good decisions!
- * Please make every effort to complete all homework assignments on time. Please talk to me if this was not possible. Students are expected to complete all assignments and turn them in on time. One point will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. If an assignment is not turned in, a zero will be put into PowerSchool until the assignment is submitted. Final grades will not be lower than 50%. This is the Middle School policy.

Use the Google online homework calendar (or an assignment book) to help you stay organized!

- * **Please be sure all work is done neatly in blue/black pen.** Use crayons, markers, colored pencils when appropriate.
- * **All papers that are to be printed must be done so by you.**
- * I will not be able to print your paper at school! If you are going to ask Mrs. Ryan to print something for you, please send her the paper well in advance so you have it at the beginning of class on the day it is due. Otherwise, please print your papers at home, the library, etc.
- * **Papers are LATE if they are not printed and here at the beginning of the class on the day they are due! That means if it is an assignment for Literature class, you have it ready at the beginning of Literature class, etc. One point will be deducted if the paper is late.**
- * Please be sure to have a book you are reading for fun with you **every** day! We will visit the Library every other week; please check out a book you want to read each time.

8th Grade Literature

Books: McDougal Little Literature textbook and Interactive Reader, novels, and supplementary reading materials will be kept in your notebook!

We will study the following:

- Short Story/Poetry (literary elements)
 - Informational Texts
 - To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
 - Night by Elie Wiesel
 - Holocaust related literature
 - The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- * We will go to the Library every other week!

8th Grade Language Arts:

Book: Voyages in English (grammar and writing), Prestwick House Greek/Latin Roots 8
Supplementary materials will also be utilized and kept in your LA and Lit Binders

You will write a variety of papers this year:

- Personal Narrative
- Reader's Response
- How-to Article
- Career Research Paper
- Creative Writing/Poetry
- Argumentative Writing
- Descriptive Writing
- You will read and respond to an Article of the Week most weeks!
- We will also study Greek/Latin roots; you will need earbuds/headphones for this activity.
- IReady and IXL lessons will be completed weekly in Lit or LA; please do your best on all lessons! Headphones are needed.

8th Grade Religion:

Books: Finding God: Celebrating the Church Grade 8, Loyola Press

Unit 1: The Early Church

Unit 2: We Belong

Unit 3: We Worship

Unit 4: We Are Called

Unit 5: We Are Sent

Confirmed in the Spirit, Loyola Press

Visions Magazine

You will learn about Church History, and you will begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Please plan to complete all readings and activities related to our readings. Discussion is an important component of this class.

Service Projects will be completed as part of Religion Class this year.