

LA CLASSE DE FRANÇAIS

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Bonjour and *Bienvenue!*
Hello and Welcome to the *classe de français*. I am very *joyeuse* to be your *professeur*. *Merci, beaucoup* for choosing to study *le français*. We will work *ensemble* to ensure *grand* accomplishments. I look forward to sharing my love of French with you.

TOPICS FOR YEAR:

- ◆ Expressions to help you stay in French during class
- ◆ Expansion of basic conversation
- ◆ You, Family, Friends
- ◆ School/Daily Life

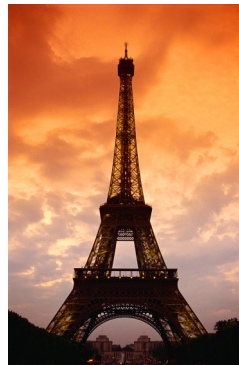
- ◆ Leisure/Sports
- ◆ Food/Shopping
- ◆ Weather/Nature

NEW STRUCTURES:

- ◆ Regular -er and ir verbs
- ◆ Irregular verbs in the present tense
- ◆ Avoir, etre, faire, aller, with common idiomatic phrases

- ◆ Possessive adjectives
- ◆ Disjunctive adjectives
- ◆ Negatives and questions
- ◆ Noun and adjective agreement

SELECTED READINGS, AUTHENTIC VIDEOS, COMMERCIALS, etc.



CULTURE:

- ◆ Celebration of all holidays
- ◆ Recognition and understanding of the Francophone world
- ◆ Cultural differences and similarities between Americans and Frenchmen

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ *Use French as much as possible during class with me and with your classmates*
- ◆ *Never be afraid to ask questions. Your questions will allow me to answer them in context.*
- ◆ *Ask for extra help anytime. I am available every morning at 7 am, during lunches, and every evening except Friday until 4:30. I can be found in the IB office located in room 104 or in 110 during home-room. I can also arrange for an NHS tutor if you need more help.*
- ◆ *If you are absent, all missed work is due the next class, including taking tests.*
- ◆ *If you are absent, journal entries are due the day you return, not the next class meeting. Place the journal on my desk in the IB office room 104.*
- ◆ *Projects will be offered to assist you with your Technology Portfolio.*
- ◆ *An important website to access additional textbook resources is: daccord1.vhlcentral.com*
- ◆ *We will adhere to all rules and regulations in the MPS handbook.*

QUOI D'AUTRE? (WHAT ELSE)

ASSIGNMENTS

Homework will be assigned daily to help you master concepts. It will take many forms. Sometimes it will be written and often you will be studying, practicing, and memorizing vocabulary and phrases for daily conversations.

Assignments are due on the assigned date. After absences all missed work is due by the next class, including test preparation, unless prior arrangements have been made. Major assignments and projects not turned in on time will lose two points per day.

PREPARATION

Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to:

- Be on time to class
- Have all assignments
- Have all materials
- Enjoy speaking and studying "le français"

COURSE MATERIALS

- ◆ Text: *D'accord by Vista Higher Learning*. This book is yours to use for the year. You will be expected to keep it covered at all times.
- ◆ Journal: You will need a bound composition book. You will use this journal to write on specific topics during the year.
- ◆ Notebook: A 3-ring binder with looseleaf paper.
- ◆ Dry erase marker.
- ◆ Internet Supersite: daccord1.vhlcentral.com



LES NOTES (GRADES)

The grading scale used is printed in your handbook. I use total points for all work. All points are totaled at the end of the each term to determine your grade. I recommend that you keep a record of your scores in the back of your planner and I encourage you to check your grades on-line.

Chances are that you are not equally strong in all areas of language learning and so, to provide you with an opportunity for success, the term grade will reflect the following categories: tests, quizzes, projects, presentations, journal entries, preparation, and oral participation.

There will be 2 final exams. One given in January and one given in May; the points will be averaged for your year-long final exam grade.



To double check assignments or get assignments during absences:

1. Consult www.mpslakers.com for the homework page
2. Get the phone number of a reliable classmate and put it into your planner
3. E-mail me at: kdonovan@mpslakers.com
4. Office phone: 824-3127

BONNE CHANCE!!!!!!

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Class Participation will be instrumental in determining your term grade. Speaking a language is exciting and important!

Class participation is based on:

1. Using lots of French when possible
2. Volunteering Answers/Insights
3. Attempting Correct Punctuation
4. Staying On Task

Consider the following as criteria for the oral grade:

- A=most of the time
- B=often
- C=sometimes
- D=rarely

