French I Requirements, Expectations and Grading during the COVID19 Shutdown

Mme Regan’s class

Start date: April 20, 2020

New Grading Expectations Begin: April 27, 2020

Here is the pertinent guidance form OSPI and the Issaquah School District. You can find the full document on the ISD website:

* Do no harm.
* Every student will get an opportunity to improve their grade with their March 17 status as a baseline. **As long as you continue to engage in this class**, ***you cannot earn a grade lower that the grade showing for MT3.***
* No student will receive a “pass”, “fail,” or “no credit” grade for any course.
* Teachers will assign grades or assign an “incomplete” for students who cannot or do not engage in an equitable way.
* All students will be given an opportunity to engage in continuous learning to maintain or improve their mastery of essential standards.
* Students assigned an “incomplete” for a course will be given opportunities to reengage in the learning standards based on local school district decisions in consultation with the student/parent/guardians.

Here are the concepts that the French Department has identified as Essential Learning for the rest of this school year. Some of these we had worked on before Spring Break (top half of the list: être through prepositions.) I will make sure to build in activities to help you keep practicing them as we move forward with the essential new concepts:

-être

-adj agreement

-avoir and expressions

-numbers/time

-Prepositions

-Aller (Unit 4) Present tense and Futur Proche

-Interrogative words (Unit 4)

-Regular IR verbs (Unit 4)

-Faire and expressions with Faire (Unit 5)

-Regular RE verbs (Unit 6)

**Grading:**

The new guidelines state that as long as you are engaging in class, you cannot get a lower grade than you had on March 13th. However, you are also to be given a chance to improve your grade. Here is how you will be able to learn the Essential Concepts and IMPROVE your grade in my class:

**REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS:**

* Each week I will assign REQUIRED work. I will use a combination of online resources. All of these resources grade your work. I will be entering those grades into the Skyward gradebook. In other words, VHL assignments, for example, will no longer be entered as “completed for full credit”, but rather, your final score for that assignment as it shows on the website will be entered as your grade. ***This will start the week beginning April 27, 2020.***
* It is my belief that doing it this way allows you to do more independent learning and get a better grasp of the things that we have designated as Essential Learning for the last part of this school year.
* Each site’s parameters will be set to give you multiple opportunities to do the assignment so that you may have a chance to improve your grade before each assignment’s due date.
* I will continue to post all work on Monday and work will be due on Friday. That should give you plenty of opportunity to re-do an assignment if you are unsatisfied with your original score.
* I reserve the right to assign other scored work, such as a FlipGrid (for example) at the end of the year, which will be scored by me, and not a computer.

**NOT REQUIRED BUT YOU WANT TO DO MORE:**

What if you want to do more? Some of you have really been enjoying the opportunities that I have given you on the Choice Boards the last few weeks.

* I will continue to offer those as well.
* Some choices require more work and commitment than others.
* I will assign a “points value” to each choice moving forward.
* ***IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL OF THE* REQUIRED *ASSIGNMENTS:* I will use the points you’ve earned through the Choice Board activities to help you improve your grade.** Not doing these will NOT hurt you.

**HOW WILL I SUPPORT YOU?**

* I will keep my “office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m to Noon.
* I will check my email once or twice in the afternoon/early evening (usually not past 6:00 p.m.)
* I will host at least one Virtual Class in MS Teams per week, usually Tuesdays. If you feel we need more with any specific content, please let me know and we can schedule a time for that.
* I will post the Virtual Class information/files/PowerPoints in MS Teams for those students unable to make the meeting time.
* I will post the assignments every Monday before 10:00 a.m. on MS Teams.
* All of the required assignments, and any extra work, will be due by midnight the following Friday.
* I will keep my website up to date with any pertinent information. Please be sure to check the Blog Page from time to time.

Please remember that none of us were prepared for this, even your teachers! It’s a learning curve for all of us, please be patient with me as we move through this. I’ll do my best to make sure that you are as ready as you can be for French 2 next year. I am definitely grieving the time with you in the classroom and I can’t tell you how happy it made my heart to be with you all on MS Teams this week!! It was the highlight of my week. Truly.