

*Mount Vernon High School*  
*Home of the Majors*

*English 12*

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# Admin and Counselors

(Shift to the Alpha Model)

| Admin<br><i>Administrador</i> | Alpha<br><i>Asignación por Apellido</i> |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Karen Boyd                    | A-Der                                   |
| John Shaffer                  | Des-Lay                                 |
| Lashonda Reed                 | Laz-Ram                                 |
| Gina Brooks                   | Ran-Z                                   |
| Adrian Williams               | CSS & STEP                              |

| New Alpha<br><i>Nueva Alfa</i> | School Counselor<br><i>Consejero/a Escolar</i> |
|--------------------------------|--|
| A-B                            | Bryce Green                                    |
| C - Ev                         | Niasharee Frater                               |
| Ew-Hop                         | Ericka Jeter                                   |
| Hoq-Mc                         | Mary McAlevy                                   |
| Md-Pie                         | Camille Moore                                  |
| Pif-Sli                        | Melissa Mentzel                                |
| Slj-Z                          | Paul Guillion                                  |
| CSS & STEP                     | Karen Mazzocoli                                |
| ESOL Level 1 and 2             | Catherine Samper                               |

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| <b>P.R.I.D.E.</b>    | <b>IB<br/>Learner<br/>Profile</b>  | <b>WITHIN OUR SCHOOL</b>   |
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| <b>Preparation</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicators</li> <li>• Inquirers</li> <li>• Knowledgeable</li> <li>• Reflective</li> <li>• Thinkers</li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors walk with a purpose and; with the goal of arriving to class on-time.</li> <li>• Majors aim to</li> <li>• Majors are available to engage in all aspects of the learning process.</li> <li>• Majors advocate appropriately when they need assistance (academic, behavior, social/emotional).</li> <li>• Majors communicate with teachers and plan in advance for when they are not in class and to follow up on lessons missed.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Respect</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balanced</li> <li>• Caring</li> <li>• Communicators</li> <li>• Principled</li> <li>• Reflective</li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors use appropriate tone of voice, word choice/language and body language.</li> <li>• Majors are mindful of their environments and conversations.</li> <li>• Majors respect the boundaries and personal space of others.</li> <li>• Majors greet each other and return greetings to others.</li> <li>• Majors follow the expectations set forth by teachers in their classrooms &amp; the SR&amp;R.</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>Integrity</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balanced</li> <li>• Communicators</li> <li>• Open mindedness</li> <li>• Principled</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors are truthful and courageous enough to communicate with staff/peers.</li> <li>• Majors are responsible and accountable for their actions and success.</li> <li>• Majors are mindful of others and respect diverse perspectives.</li> <li>• Majors are aware of their behaviors and how their behaviors can impact others.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Determination</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicators</li> <li>• Inquirers</li> <li>• Knowledgeable</li> <li>• Risk-Takers</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors are committed and present in the moment.</li> <li>• Majors follow through with assigned tasks.</li> <li>• Majors complete tasks to the best of their abilities.</li> <li>• Majors persevere through difficult situations, tasks, conflicts and roadblocks and promptly communicate with teachers/staff for assistance.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Excellence</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balanced</li> <li>• Inquirers</li> <li>• Communicators</li> <li>• Knowledgeable</li> <li>• Reflective</li> <li>• Risk-Takers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majors show maximum effort in all that they do.</li> <li>• Majors strive to create balance between school and home and minimize distractions.</li> <li>• Majors self-reflect as they grow and develop into life-long learners.</li> <li>• Majors are able to self-regulate their actions in order to accomplish goals.</li> <li>• Majors are team players and are always willing to lend a hand.</li> </ul>                                     |



## Crystal Bass

**I teach English 12, Self Contained and Team Taught. I graduated from Guilford College. I have been teaching at Mount Vernon for 2 years, but have many years of experience with preschool and elementary students. Communication is really important to me, feel free to contact me at [cbass1@fcps.edu](mailto:cbass1@fcps.edu) at any time. I will respond promptly.**

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## Curriculum Overview

In this course, students will read and analyze a variety of literary and nonfiction texts, comparing and contrasting the techniques authors use in literature. The focus of the literature will be on British and World Literature texts. Language study will continue to extend the students' vocabulary through vocabulary (connotations, denotations) and word origins and structures. Students will apply their understanding of grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence and paragraph structure through varied and frequent writing assignments. Students will expand their understanding of writing as a process and develop their skills in revision by writing expository and analytical essays. Throughout the course, students will develop their media literacy and research skills through a variety of assignments. They will also improve their communication skills through small group discussions, presentations, and collaborative assignments.

The grade earned at the end of the school year will indicate the level of achievement in accordance with the POS or other designated curriculum.

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**Recommended Supplies for Class: A pen/pencil, a highlighter, a charged laptop and a open mind!!**

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## Procedures and Routines for the Classroom

Below are my expectations for this class. **AT ALL TIMES** students are expected to:

- **RESPECT yourself** - advocate for yourself when you need help or support, always do your absolute best, behave in a way that contributes positively to our class community
- **RESPECT others** - speak with kindness and consideration, support the diversity of our class, do not behave in a way that impedes another's learning
- **RESPECT our environment** - use classroom and school materials with care, do not touch other people's belongings, leave our learning space as clean or cleaner than when you entered
- **RESPECT our mission** - attend each class with an open mind and a willing attitude, aim to perform your best on all assignments and assessments, behave in a way that does not impede the learning or safety of those around you.

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## Grading and Assessments

### *Grade Weighting*

- 40% Summative Assessments (tests, essays, presentations, projects, written assessments, etc)
- 40% Formative Assessments & Quizzes
- 20% Classwork/ Homework

*If a student turns in an assignment and earns an F (63% or lower), the grade will be recorded in SiS as an F and will equal 0.7. If a student does not turn in an assignment, it will be coded as NTI (Not Turned In) in SiS and will equal 0. Work marked as NTI can be submitted until the end of the unit.*

Grades will be determined by a student's proficiency level on common standards-based assessments, benchmarking, and rubrics based on the type of learning each essential standard requires to support student engagement. The grade earned at the end of the school year will indicate the level of achievement in accordance with the POS or other designated curriculum.

Assignments will be graded and grades will be posted within 7 school days after the due date with the understanding that major projects/papers may require additional time to ensure quality feedback.

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## **Attendance**

**Every student must pass English 12 to graduate from Mount Vernon High School. Passing English 12 is a graduation requirement.**

**A student's attendance has a close relationship to their academic performance; therefore, students are expected to attend class every time we meet and to be on time.**

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