Welcome to your advanced level French class. I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year with as you continue learning French at the 3rd and 4th year levels. This year you will learn more about France and its rich history and literature as also French speaking countries. Your knowledge of French vocabulary will be more sophisticated and you will be able to converse at a higher level. **The French class will be conducted in French and you will be required not to use English.** 

We will be using the text book **Bon voyage**, Glencoe

You will be reading different kinds of material short stories, poems, famous literature. You also be watching French movies.

During the second semester you will be reading abbreviated versions of important French literature works

## Regular attendance, daily homework, and participation are vital to your success.

I have three classroom expectations:

1. Be Respectful: Be polite and respectful of fellow students and your teacher. Learning to speak another language involves risk-taking.

We need to support and encourage each other.

2. Be Positive: Bring an open mind and be ready to learn.

You will get out of the class what you put into it.

Be responsible for your learning. Plan on doing *daily* homework.

3. Be Prepared: Come to class every day, on time with composition notebook and file

folder and homework. Turn in homework on time. Talk to me if you have an issue completing homework or will have an extended absence.

(Late homework will be accepted at reduced credit.)

Note: Cell phones, i-Pods and other electronics cannot be used in class, except when we are doing an activity that requires them. If parents need to reach you during class time, please have them call the office which will send a messenger to the classroom.

To learn a language, it is essential to review vocabulary everyday. Plan on spending fifteen minutes <u>every day</u> studying vocabulary or new grammar points. More time will be needed during the week to do homework assignments, study for quizzes and tests, or complete projects.

## **Grading Policy:**

Quizzes and Exams: 50%

Daily Homework, Assignments, Projects: 30% Participation and use of the French language: 20%

93-100 A	88-89 B+	78-79 C+	68-69 D+
90-92 A-	83-87 B	73-77 C	63-67 D
	80-82 B-	70-72 C-	60-62 D-

<u>Please note that in accordance with PTHS attendance policy, more than twelve absences per semester (aside from school-related activities) can result in loss of credit.</u>

## \* <u>Required:</u> - a composition notebook for classwork and writing, and a folder for handouts and notebook paper

You will find the atmosphere in my class to be orderly, yet open, creative, and fun. My hope is that you will feel comfortable enough with each other to express yourselves, ask questions, make mistakes, and learn from them.

I am in the classroom before class and after school every day until 4 pm. Please feel free to email me or leave a message with the school secretary if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to working with you. We're going to have a great year!

Please review this information with your parent or guardian, sign, provide email address and preferred phone number and return by **Monday, Sept. 10**.

I have read this Classroom Letter and understand French class expectations and policies.

Student name:	Signature:	
Parent/Guardian name (print)	Signature:	
Parent/Guardian preferred email:	Signature.	
Preferred phone # and best time to call:		