

Dear Students and Parents,

This year English 10 students in my classroom are going to experience a unique opportunity to work with technology. My classes were selected to pilot the 1:1 classroom. While in class, students will have their own personal laptop to engage them in lectures, lessons, and individual practice. The first unique characteristic of this program is that students will get a lot of the instruction of class material outside of the actual classroom. For example, there will be class lectures posted on YouTube. The students will be responsible for viewing it as homework, so the next class meeting can be spent on individual practice. In a sense, we will flip the classroom in small doses.

Another unique aspect of this blended instruction is that students will take on much more responsibility for their own learning. Our class motto this year is going to be "If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a life time." Many of our lessons and assignments are going to involve inquiry research practices. This means that I will present them with a problem or task, and they will need to solve or complete it through their own research and thinking. My job is to be right beside them to guide them to their answers.

Lastly, this pilot program will help with individual student pacing. If a student understands the material, they can be spared from boredom and move ahead. If a student is taking a longer time grasping the material, then they will be able to slow down until they master the material at hand. With this type of instruction, students will receive more one-on-one attention from the teacher.

Parents can also be engaged in the child's education with this program. You are welcome to join our Moodle site as a visitor to see what students are working on, upcoming due dates, and resources to help with the learning process at home. For example, it has probably been years and years since you studied sentence patterns. As a Moodle visitor, you will have all the notes, PowerPoint presentations, and instructional videos to help refresh your memory. Then if your child has a question at home, you will be able to help with the material. You can access my Moodle classes at <http://moodle.monashores.net/>.

On the back of this letter, you will find a list of the classroom expectations. These expectations are crucial for the success of your child in this class. Please read over the expectations with your child so you both understand what will be expected of them while in English class this year. Once you have gone over them, please sign and return it to the teacher.

I look forward to working with and teaching your child this year. It is going to be quite an adventure with this new program. This is the new wave of educational instruction, and your child has a front row seat for it. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at johnsonc@monashores.net.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Johnson
English Teacher

1:1 Classroom Expectations

1. Students are allowed access to their assigned computers only. Students cannot lend out their computers.
2. Students must handle the computer carefully and respectfully; computers should be picked up by their base only and be placed on safe surfaces.
3. Students must always use computers in clear view of their supervising adult.
4. Computers are school property. Computers are not to be decorated and the original name label must remain intact.
5. Computers must be plugged in when returned to their proper cubbies.
6. Students are responsible for transporting their own computer to and from classes (only if given permission to take home).
7. Students must keep their computers in the classroom.
8. Students must remain on task and use only educational websites and programs when using computers in class. Only computer programs permitted by the teacher should be opened and/or used. Absolutely no Youtube without the consent of your instructor.
9. Students may only listen to music when they are working independently and headphones must be used.
10. No food or beverages allowed in the classroom, as they can damage the laptops if spilled.
11. All school computer rules (AUA) must be followed.
12. Students must use their Mona Shores email address to submit work or questions to the instructor.

Failure to comply with these classroom expectations will result in the following consequences:

1st Offense – Teacher warning

2nd Offense – Parent notification

3rd Offense – Student referral and a one-hour detention

4th Offense – Student referral and a two-hour detention

5th Offense – Student referral and a 3-day class suspension

6th Offense – Removal from class and possible loss of credit for the course

These expectations are set in place to help ensure the success of all students, so all student laptops are for educational use only and the instructor will follow through with all consequences.