

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation

L'Anse Creuse High School - North  
Wednesday, February 8th, 2023





# English

Mrs. Lisa Macomber

- English 9 & Journalism Teacher
  - Newspaper Advisor
  - English Department Teacher Leader
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# English 9

- Challenges students to explain and apply their reading, writing, speaking, and listening abilities.
- Students will read and/or write about a variety of literary genres including: short stories, poetry, myths, novels, and nonfiction. Major texts include:
  - Homer's *The Odyssey*
  - Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*
  - Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*
- Students will complete a research project using MLA format

# English 9 Honors Course

- A challenging, accelerated course for **students who have a solid work ethic** and exceptional reading and writing skills.
- More rigorous than English 9, with more reading and writing
- Factors considered for placement:
  - NWEA test scores from the spring of 8th grade (which includes scores in language usage and reading skills)
  - M-Step test scores
  - Note: placement will not be based on previous Advanced Language Arts experience
- Summer reading is MANDATORY, and it is considered a classroom assignment.

# English Electives for 9th graders

- **Journalism:** an introduction course focusing on print journalism and photojournalism. Students will interview sources and write news, features, and editorial articles. Students will also study a podcast. Recommended for strong writers.
- 1 semester

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- **Acting:** students study theater from the actor's point-of-view. Exercises in voice improvement, stage management, characterization, dialects, and stage combat will be completed. Serious and comic scenes and monologues will be prepared and presented.
- 1 semester