


PROSPECTUS: FRENCH 4 (HONORS)
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Bienvenue à Français IV! This is the year where you should feel that you are beginning to really speak, write and understand the French language. It will be a challenge, but I hope that you will also enjoy learning about different themes of importance in francophone countries. The broad themes of this course mirror those of the Advanced Placement course: Global Challenges, Science and Technology, Contemporary Life, Personal and Public Identities, Families and Communities Beauty and Aesthetics. These themes integrate language, culture and content into an interrelated series of lessons and activities that promote the use of the language in variety of contexts. French IV is a course, therefore, that both stands alone and can also can be considered the first year of preparation for the Advanced Placement exam. The way to be successful is, as always, to review and practice constantly throughout the year and to listen to and read French whenever you can in order to help your fluency. I ask all French 4 students to take part in the National French Exam in March (\$5.00 participation fee). This is excellent for student résumés!

I. The Course

During the year you will complete an extensive review of the French grammatical structure. You will be required to read extensively, listen and understand French spoken at native speed, write (essays, emails, announcements) and speak. The class is held entirely in French and you must be motivated and able to work independently. You will also complete work on the Internet and record speaking assignments.

II. Course Goals

1. Build on understanding of grammar.
2. Develop reading skills.
3. Develop oral proficiency.
4. Develop listening skills.

III Texts:

"Imaginez" (3rd Edition) – Vista Higher Learning

Important websites :

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/phsfrench4/>
www.conjuquemos.com (requires free sign-up)
www.wordreference.com (dictionary)
<http://www.frenchteachers.org/concours/>
(National French Contest)
www.french.yabla.com (needs subscription *)

***Yabla subscription - \$10.00. Students are asked to purchase a subscription to "Yabla" to develop listening and oral proficiency. Students will have weekly "Yabla" assignments to complete.**

IV. Class Procedure

All homework assignments are to be completed by the next class session. At the beginning of each class, the material will be discussed and corrected. It is especially important in the study of a foreign language that students' work be clearly legible. Homework and assignments are posted on Google Classroom. Homework should be done mindfully as continuous

work outside class is necessary in order to interiorize the work presented in class. Unexcused late work will receive a penalty of 20% per day late.

This prospectus and useful links are posted on the class website:

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/phsfrench4/>

Learning a foreign language is like studying mathematics or learning a musical instrument: SUCCESS IS DEPENDENT UPON CONSTANT PRACTICE. This is an advanced course and you should be prepared to work independently and to practice your speaking skills by using ONLY FRENCH in the classroom.

V. Supplies

You will need:
1 three-ring binder (1.5 inch) with pocket
pens – black or blue AND red
10 dividers
pencils/ eraser
ruled paper
pencil
colored pencils
highlighters

\$5.00 for National French Contest dues
\$10.00 for "Yabla" subscription

PLEASE! : Kleenex OR Kitchen Roll OR Chlorox wipes.

VI. Performance Evaluation

% of grade

Formal (Tests, quizzes, projects, participation):	70
Informal (daily work)	30

- The semester exam will be 20% of the first semester grade.
- The final at the end of the course is 20% of the student's **total** grade.

- Rubrics for writing, speaking and projects are available on class website.

VII. Pacing

Semester 1 Chapters 1-5
Semester 2 Chapters 6-9

There will be homework and weekly reading, listening and conjugation assignments.

VIII. Attendance

Progress is dependent on attending class regularly. New vocabulary and grammar will be presented continuously and practiced in class. If you are absent, you are responsible for finding out assignments and notes you have missed, completing the work and showing it to the instructor within 5 school days. All assignments given prior to the absence should be handed in upon your return to class. Please refer to CMS attendance rules.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Cheating is never acceptable. If a student is caught cheating, he/she will receive a zero for the assignment and the student will receive a disciplinary referral. Using online translators and plagiarizing are cheating.

IX. Percentage and Letter Grades

90% - 100%	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
< 60	F

X. Class Participation

Your participation will be assessed with a rubric as a formal grade. You should:

1. be on-task at all times;
2. be active during class – ask questions, show enthusiasm, contribute;
3. speak in French **always**.

XI. Tutoring

I offer tutoring to advanced level students by appointment. You should see me as soon as possible when you need help.

XII. Class Rules

1. Come prepared to class.
2. Respect the teacher and your peers.
3. Obey the teacher and the school rules.

Progress reports are prepared at mid quarter.

Parents: *Please make sure that you are signed up and have access to PowerSchool. View student grades at mid-quarter, sign the progress report in your student's binder and leave in the binder.*

Please contact me directly if you have any concerns so that they can be addressed promptly. E-mail contact is best to avoid "telephone chase." (deborah.monroy1@cms.k12.nc.us).

You may also call my Google Voice number: (704) 594-1435.

Students: *Have a happy, successful year in all your classes!*

**Please sign and leave in student binder to be checked in class!
BONNE RENTRÉE!**

We have read the syllabus and are aware of the structure and requirements of French IV (Honors).

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

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Name: _____