

## Welcome to Mr. O'Connor's Class!

This sheet is to help you, as a new student, understand the way the class works on a daily basis. The Classroom Procedure/Grading System sheet contains everything you need to know, but not in detail. The biggest thing that causes confusion is the daily work/opener. Each day, when you walk in, there will be a projection on the smart board, with a question, quote, or set of instructions. As soon as you enter the room, you are to take out a fresh piece of paper and head it according to the MLA Example on the bulletin board by the door. Record the first bullet, and do as it says. In the English classes, this would be answering the question or responding to the quote with a minimum of fourteen lines of writing. In French, just do as it tells you. The second bullet is a joke, go ahead and ask Mr. O'Connor for the punch-line... he enjoys telling them but watch out, they will definitely be corny. The third bullet is fun vocabulary; there will not be a test on these words. You do not need to record the second and third bullets.

At the bottom of the slide there are two passages, goals and homework, which you can copy into your planner for extra credit points. The school gave you a planner which you can use for this purpose, or you can use your personal planner if you have one, just make sure you always use the same one. **This planner needs to come to class every day**. It is a large part of your daily points. Mr. O'Connor or a student helper will go around every day and put a stamp on the date.

On the second day of each week, usually Tuesday, you will show Mr. O'Connor the previous week's efforts including the daily work and planner stamps. This will include a piece of paper for each day of the past week (Monday-Friday), as well as any other worksheets or homework papers inserted into your planner with the stamps for that week. One person from each table brings the daily work and planners to the back counter. Don't throw anything out until you're

sure he has the correct grade in his grade book and computer—he's prone to typo's and needs proof that he's wrong. You are encouraged to check his accuracy on Skyward, by checking your grades weekly on Friday. It is **recommended** that you check regularly, at a minimum before grading periods (mid-term, quarter, and semester) so that you catch any mistakes. Bring your papers and planner with you when you ask him to change the grade. After he makes the corrections you can throw them away except for the vocabulary quizzes. Keep those to study for the final at the end of each quarter.

### Advice from students:

\*Show up on time, with everything. He won't let you go to get it.

\*Don't bring drinks to his class. If you do, put it on the front table, next to the responders. Food is OK, but Mr. O'Connor hates liquid spills.

\*Ask questions. Sometimes his instructions are confusing, help him clarify them.

\*Type anything that isn't daily work.

\*Turn things in on time, no matter how "done" they are. You will get some points. "Some points" are always better than none, and if you turn it in on time, you have a week to re-do (or finish) it.