

Mr. Gorritz Class Descriptions:

English 8 – This class will focus on reading, writing, speaking, and listening in order to expand critical thinking skills. Students will improve and build upon reading and writing skills from seventh grade, as well as use an analytical approach to literature in preparation for ninth grade. Ideas will be organized and supported in an expository essay, and numerous patterns of writing will be practiced. Students will read various forms of fiction and non-fiction, using these as models for their own writing. They will also create original expressive works.

English 9 –This course will integrate grammar, writing, and literature. Parts of speech, sentence structure and the steps in the writing process will be introduced, reviewed and practice. The elements of literature will be covered and applied to short stories, novels, drama, poetry and non-fiction. Students will use the literary works as models to produce their own creative works.

Speech – Students will fulfill a graduation requirement by studying the various types of public speeches common in our world. With this knowledge, they will compose their own speeches and present to an audience of their peers. They will also study and practice varied elements of public speaking, such as voice projection and breath control.