

Community 8

# ENGLISH

2020-2021 School Term

Pike Road Junior High School

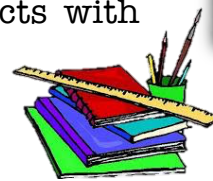
## What will your legacy be?

**Never let a stumble in the road be the end to your journey...** I am excited about the amazing school year that we will have! Get ready, because we will read (a lot), write (a lot), talk (a lot), collaborate (a lot), and have fun (a lot) during our time together.

It is my hope that you will leave Pike Road Junior High School ready to enter high school and then journey on to your chosen college and/or career and will hopefully have a deeper appreciation for the power of words. It is my hope that you will learn something new and be able to show how it connects with your reality.

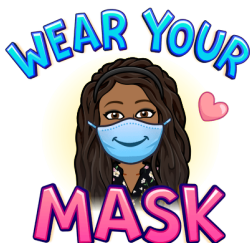


"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."  
-John Lewis



## Class Materials: Used Daily

- 1" 3 Ring Binder
- Divider Tabs (binder use)
- College-Ruled Loose-Leaf paper
- Chromebook
- Small (8 1/2 x 11) Dry Erase Board and Marker
- Charging Cord
- Correction Fluid (White-Out)
- Highlighters (Multi-colored)
- Blue/Black Ink Pens



## Required Reading:

Please click [here](#) to access website.

## What if I'm absent?

### MISSED ASSIGNMENTS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Students have 3 days to make up any assignments or assessments missed due to absence from school unless other arrangements are made with me. **Please email me to discuss your assignments.** If you have an excused absence that keeps you from either turning in an assignment or receiving instructions for an assignment, it is your duty to talk to me about the assignment as soon as possible. You may also use email or Remind 101 (Class Text). After 3 days, late work may not receive feedback.



## Virtual Class Norms:

- Act with integrity and positive intent.
- Come to class on time and prepared.
- Always respect other people whether they are in or out of the room.
- Be Active!
- Limit Distractions as much as possible.

## Behavior Procedures

Consequences will be enforced according to the guidelines established by the Pike Road Schools Patriot Code of Conduct.

# Summit Learning Policy



**Projects:** 70%

**Power Focus:** 21%

**Additional Focus**

**Areas:** 9%

**Challenge Focus Area:** Reading Checks (required for ALL students)

**What is required?** If a student's Summit account says "Off Track," he/she is not passing due to one of the following reasons:

1. Complete all projects.
2. Complete all Power Focus Areas as the progress bar passes them.
3. Complete all reading checks located in the Challenge Focus Area.
4. Maintain a cognitive skill average of 70% or higher.

**How do I know my grade?** Grades are automatically calculated & viewable in the Summit platform. Parents should regularly check your child's Summit to keep track of their progress throughout the year!

\*Progress reports will be sent home at the end of each 9 weeks.

**Final grades are NOT an average of 4 quarter grades in the year.** The grade shown on the progress report is a snapshot of the student's current standing in the class, which will likely fluctuate throughout the year. The student's final grade will be issued at the end of the 4th 9 weeks period when the course has been completed.

## Focus Area Assessment Policy

- 1st Attempt:
  - a) Students may take an assessment for the 1st time if they make a 100% on the diagnostic the FIRST time they attempt it.
  - b) If students do not make a 100% on first take of diagnostic, they must complete the provided note sheet & get it stamped by me before being allowed to take an assessment.
- 2nd & Subsequent Attempts:

To retake a failed assessment, students must provide new evidence of learning (additional notes, passing scores on practice exercises, small group tutoring, etc.) for objectives not passed before he/she will be allowed to retest. New evidence of learning is required before every assessment attempt.
- Reading Checks/ Challenge Focus Areas:

Reading Checks hold students accountable for completing the required reading. They are not typical focus areas. Reading Checks will be taken at designated times in class not on SDL days. Students will not be able to pass if they have not done the reading! If a student does not pass the Reading Check, he/she must complete the required reading review notes before being allowed to reassess. Projects will be Incomplete until all of the associated Reading Checks have been passed.

## Honors

To earn the honors designation for English 9, students will be required to complete additional advanced reading and assignments above and beyond the General English 9 curriculum. We will be using the A+ College Ready Pre-AP curriculum. Students in this class are preparing to take either AP Language & Composition or dual-enrollment English Composition 101 their 11th grade year. Students must complete & pass with unquestionable proficiency all required honors reading and activities to receive honors credit, including all Challenge Focus Areas.

## Assignments Not Completed

- Students are responsible for completing & turning in all checkpoints & projects on the assigned due date!
  - Checkpoints are required not optional.
  - Checkpoints not turned in on the due date will NOT receive feedback & will be marked red in Summit. I will not give feedback for late work!
  - If not turning in work on time becomes a habit for a student, I will report them to administration for further action.
  - ALL projects & power focus areas must be completed for students to be promoted to 9th grade. If work is not finished during the regular school year, the student will be required to attend summer school or repeat 8th grade English.
- Note:** The content of this syllabus is subject to change in accordance with the needs of the class and/or instructor.



# What is the course schedule?



## Ms. Haygood 2020-2021 Class Schedule



The following is the schedule for Ms. Haygood's C8 English Courses!

## Communications:

### FOR CHECK-INS, CHECK-UPS, AND QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Remind Messaging App is the communication that is used with my students. This is one of the fastest methods of communicating announcements and updates. You can download the free app to your cellular device from your app store. To join your child's class, within the app use the link/code provided via emailed directions. (Please note, this code is only for your child's class and cannot be used with any other class.

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO JOIN!**

Period	Time	Class
1st Period	8:05 a.m - 8:55 a.m	Gen/Hon English 8
2nd Period	8:59 a.m - 9:49 a.m	Gen/Hon English 8
3rd Period	9:53 a.m - 10:43 a.m	Virtual Gen/Hon English 8
4th Period Lunch/Mentoring	10:47 a.m - 11:12 a.m	Habits of Success/Mentoring
	11:12 a.m - 11:37 a.m	Lunch
	11:41 a.m - 12:31 p.m	Virtual Gen/Hon English 8
5th Period	12: 35 p.m - 1:25 p.m	Gen/Hon English 8
6th Period	1:29 p.m - 2:19 p.m	Gen/Hon English 8
7th Period	2:23 p.m - 3:10 p.m	Gen/Hon English 8

## Communications cont...

**Google Classroom** The primary purpose of Google Classroom is to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students. Each student will receive a code to join their respective class. Here you will find Class calendar, zoom meeting info, documents, study materials, etc. It will serve as our portable classroom throughout the year!



## A Message from the Teacher....



**A Note on Plagiarism:** Students may never copy websites, images, texts, or another student's work--or the general idea of someone else's work--without giving credit and/or proper citation. If plagiarism happens, the student will have to re-do the work under my supervision and to additional requirements.

## How can you contact me?

**Work Hours:** 7:30am-4:00pm M-F

\* **Email:** christel.haygood@pikeroadschools.org

**Main Office** for an appointment call 334.420.5380

**Blended Learners MUST make an appointment**

**PRJHS Website:**

<https://juniorhigh.pikeroadschools.org/>

\* Email is the best form of contact!

Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.

## Parent Acknowledgement

I have read and I understand what is expected of me and my child for your class this school year. By completing the attached link, I acknowledge and confirm receipt of this documents.

**[Click here to access](#) Please submit by Wednesday, August 26, 2020**