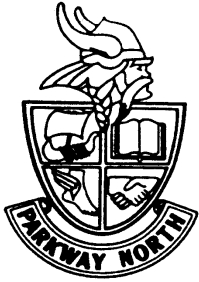


**ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT**



**PARKWAY  
NORTH  
HIGH SCHOOL**

12860 Fee Fee Road  
St. Louis, MO 63146  
314-415-7654  
FAX 314-415-7634

**ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT**

Debbie Banashek-Twist  
Jennifer Bannecker  
Mark Bannecker  
David Beck  
Jeff Church  
Allison Cundiff  
Tricia Frank  
Scott Kreher  
Megan McCorkle  
Melissa Lynn Pomerantz  
Tracy Silvagnoli  
Wendy Surinsky

1 May 2019

Dear students and parents,

Welcome! You are currently enrolled in Masterpieces I for the fall semester of 2019. Masterpieces is an English and humanities course that explores the foundation of western civilization through literature, poetry, drama, art, architecture, and philosophy. Masterpieces will assist you in making the transition from high school to college and will encourage you to explore and refine your own ideas about human expression over the past four thousand years. Masterpieces I and II may be taken separately, but we recommend you take the courses in succession so that you might have a comprehensive understanding of the history of the great works in literature.

Masterpieces is also available for 6 hours of college English credit through the University of Missouri. **If you decide to take the course for college credit, you must be enrolled in Masterpieces for both semesters.** More information will be provided the first week of school.

The fall semester will begin with an emphasis on the ancients. After a brief unit on the Hebrews and Creto-Minoans, we will have an extended unit on Heroic and Classical Greece. We then concentrate on Roman and European literature, including a study of revenge tragedy. We encourage students who plan to pursue studies in literature, history, art or art history, architecture, or humanities-based fields to purchase their own copies of these texts, but we do have copies for student use should you choose not to purchase these books. **There is no summer reading assignment.**

Throughout the semester we will also explore readings in art history and philosophy using instructor-generated packets to reinforce the themes of the major pieces. Note-taking and participation through discussion are very important in this class, and much of the test material is derived from lectures and student-centered investigation and discussion. Once the 2019 school year begins, you will be given a syllabus outlining the major periods we cover during this semester as well as the due dates for assignments. Please plan to use Google Classroom and Infinite Campus to check for upcoming assignments and graded material.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the course. I look forward to seeing you in August. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Allison Cundiff  
acundiff@parkwayschools.net



