

**WELCOME**

**WE'RE REALLY  
GLAD YOU ARE  
HERE.**



# HELLO!



I'm Katie Storms.

I currently teach College Prep English One, Social Issues: Literature, and Social Issues: Film and Art.

In the past, I've taught Honors English One, AP Language and Composition, American Literature, Creative Writing, and Summer School.

This is my 20th year at CHS

I am also the English Department Chair.

# **We believe students can**

Expand their perspectives, shaping compassionaly local and global communities.

Be empowered to discover and explore personal and intellectual passions, to embrace ambiguity, and to grow in head and heart.

Ask questions not just to find the answers, but to make sense of the world around them.

Benefit from exploring a wide range of texts to broaden their appreciation for the power and beauty of language.


Understand that structures, conventions, and roles of language differ so that they can approach a text in different ways and for different purposes.

# Literacy Classes

College Prep English  
One

Honors English One

## **WE BELIEVE**

 College Prep English One is the **best** **placement** for a majority of incoming 9th graders and **provides a strong foundation** for the CHS experience.

## **BOTH CLASSES...**

### **ESSENTIAL PRACTICES**

-  Shared and Independent Reading
-  Choice and Assigned Writing
-  Discussion
-  Inquiry
-  Celebration and Demonstration of Learning.

# Writing Opportunities



Analytical



Persuasive



Creative



Reflective



Synthesis



Narrative

# Writing Conferences

Students confer with their English teachers **nine times** each year.

Students set student-driven and standards-driven goals and plans with their teachers, and assess progress towards these goals.



# When do Students Confer with their Teachers?

In person,  
for 20 minutes,  
during their **scheduled free  
periods or study hall.**

## **SHARED READING**

- ☀️ *The Odyssey*
- ☀️ Shakespeare: *A MidSummer Night's Dream* or *Romeo and Juliet*
- ☀️ *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
- ☀️ *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding\*
- ☀️ A wide range of poems, essays, short stories, and novels of choice.

## **ADDITIONAL READING MAY INCLUDE**

Other full class titles may include *Life of Pi*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Oedipus*, *Antigone*, and *The Marrow Thieves*.

# Support and Enrichment

Summer School  
Learning Center  
Academic Reading  
Honors English One

# **HONORS ENGLISH ONE:**

## **ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION REQUIRED**

☀ requires **more reading** and delving deeply into the required texts, as well as into the writing process, including synthesis and in-depth literature study early on in the year.

☀ requires a **quicker pace**.

☀ requires **more independent work** and reading.

☀ requires the completion of **a reading assignment in the summer** before 9th grade.

☀ requires **a sense of self-direction** in reading and writing assignments.

# **STUDENTS ENTERING HONORS ENGLISH ONE...**



Should have **exceptional skill** in reading and  
essay writing

&

a **PASSION** for the subject matter

& recommendation with our placement process.

# Support Classes

-  Learning Center
-  Academic Reading
-  Summer School for  
Credit Recovery

**THANK YOU.**



**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD  
MEETING THE CLASS OF 2029.**

# How do Students Decide?

☀️ **Keep** in mind that **both** courses offer a rich experience.

☀️ **Talk** as a family.

☀️ **Connect** with your 8th grade literacy teacher.

☀️ **Consider** your overall schedule for 9th grade.

☀️ **Reflect** on your previous experiences in literacy class and the **placement process recommendations**.