

## **Course: French III**

**Instructor: Madame Carolyn Vaughan**

**Academic Year: 2008-2009**

### **Course Philosophy:**

This course provides an opportunity to further enhance and perfect the skills acquired in the first two years of French. Through class discussion, reading and writing, you will broaden your knowledge of French, French culture and French history. We will focus on the skills needed to communicate at a more sophisticated level. Grammar is still at the heart of advancing in the language but the emphasis is on fluency. Speaking French in class is obligatory. We will spend part of one period every week talking in French about whatever we want.

### **Course Requirements:**

Text: *Discovering French Rouge* (D.C. Heath)

Various Handouts

One section of a 3-ring notebook for notes and homework

Consistent work

**Grading Procedure:** Your trimester grade will be determined by the following assessments, which are weighted as follows:

Class Participation and Homework: 10%

Speaking: 10%

Quizzes: 35%

Paragraphs and writing assignments: 20%

Trimester Exam: 25%

### **Homework and Class Policies:**

1. Homework, including reviewing, reading and studying, is required, not optional. Complete your work for the day it is due, otherwise, it is late and will lower your participation grade.

2. Bring your book, your notebook, pens or pencils and your homework to class each day. Bring your willingness to speak French as well.
3. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the assignment and do it. Your assignment will be written on my board.
4. No food, chewing gum, or drinks, except water, are allowed in class.
5. Come to Academic Help. I am here to help you excel.
6. Cheating or plagiarism will result in a zero.
7. Be respectful of others. We all learn in different ways. You will learn from others as well as me. Listening is a skill too.
8. Speak French in class. The more you use what you know, the better you will become.
9. Relax and enjoy French. You will be surprised at your progress.

**First Trimester:**

August: Summer Reading

Conversation

September: General Review: Daily Activities and Vocabulary

General Review: Verbs

Review: Past Tense

Conversation

October: Imperfect Tense and its Usage

Writing: Conte de Fe (Fairy Tale)

Review: Replacement Pronouns

Conversation

Reading: "Les Trois Bagues"

November: Physical Description

Review for Exam

## **Second Trimester:**

November: Conversation  
Reflexive Verbs: Present and Past  
La Toilette and Personal Care  
Conversation  
December: Physical Condition and Emotions  
Culture: Impressionism  
Discussion of artists  
January: Domestic Work  
Description of Objects  
Reading: "La Couverture"  
History: French Kings and Heros; Charlemagne, etc.  
February: Discussion  
History: Famous French Figures  
Vacation: Pleasures and Problems

## **Third Trimester:**

February: Conversation  
Future Tense and its Usage  
March: Complex Tenses  
Writing: Use of Complex Tenses  
Conversation  
April: Use of "Si" (If)  
Conversation  
Reading: More Historic Figures: Jeanne d'Arc, etc.  
Reading and Discussion: Short Stories  
Film: "Cyrano de Bergerac"  
May: Relative Pronouns  
Reading and Discussion: "La Parure"  
Review for Final Exam