

# Course Outline 2005 -2006

## Mr. Lang Grade 8 Language Arts

The Grade 8 Language Arts program is designed to improve the student's ability to use English as a tool for communication. Many aspects of our lives demand accurate understanding, from reducing misunderstandings which lead to conflict, to making oneself understood in a published piece of writing. An emphasis on writing and reading for comprehension, debate and discussion will be used to develop skills and awareness within the goals of the grade 8 curriculum.

Students will be reading, writing, viewing, and speaking toward five general outcomes using novel study, literature circles, free reading, creative and guided writing, poetry, grammar, vocabulary and spelling, structure and presentation including handwriting.

### **Students will be able to:**

- Manage ideas and information
- Celebrate and build community
- Comprehend and respond personally and critically to text
- Explore thoughts, ideas, feelings, and experiences
- Enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.

The assessment (marks) in Language Arts will be based on the following formula:

- 60% - Assignments (writing, reading and daily work)
- 15% - Tests
- 25% - Divisional Final Exam