Dear Students,

*Félicitations* on being accepted into the Pre-AP French class for the 2019-2020 school year! This course will prepare you to take the AP Language and Culture class next year and it will require commitment and hard work. If you work hard the results will be very rewarding.

To keep your French skills fresh and make sure you are prepared to hit the ground running in September, you will need to practice your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills this summer. The following summer assignment is designed with those goals in mind. The summer assignment will be due **September 13th** and will count as a test grade. Late assignments will lose five points per day.

My hope is you will spend time practicing French above and beyond the summer assignment because in order to excel in French, you must be exposed to it as much as possible.

Amusez-vous bien cet été et soyez bien préparés à travailler dur en septembre !

Cordialement,

M. Starace

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**Summer Assignment:**

1. The following assignments must be typed (double-spaced), printed and handed to me by the due date which is Sept. 13th. I will not accept online submissions.

2. Join Google Classroom. The class code is: **edykip**. Please check it a few times over the summer as I may post helpful tips and will be able to answer questions. I’ll check it every week or two.

3. Explore the class website and the links on the page: [www.srstarace.info](http://www.srstarace.info) and write one paragraph (minimum 8 sentences of varying length) in English saying which pages and links on the site will be useful to you in class next year and why. (worth 10 points)

For the following writing assignments be sure to use a dictionary or [wordreference.com](http://wordreference.com) to look up words. **Do not use an online translator**. Online translators do the thinking for you and they always do a terrible job! I can easily tell if you use an online translator and no credit will be given for those assignments.
4. **Reading:** Read 2 newspaper articles in French and write a one paragraph (minimum 8 sentences of varying length) summary for each article in your own words in French. Find five new vocabulary words per article and define them. The articles must be at least 4 paragraphs long (not counting one or two line paragraphs). You must cite your sources by giving the website, title of the article and the date. The following are examples of French language news websites but you may use others or see srstarace.info for more: lemonde.fr, liberation.fr, leparisien.fr, parismatch.com, monde-diplomatique.fr, journaldemontreal.com, lapresse.ca, jeunefafrique.com, etc. (worth 20 points)

5. **Writing:** Write 3 journal entries in French of one paragraph each (minimum 8 sentences of varying length) in French. You can write about anything you’d like. Use your imagination! You must clearly state the topic of the entry in your topic sentence and include a concluding sentence. (worth 30 points)

6. **Grammar**–Choose any 2 grammar topics from the websites below you feel are difficult for you. Read the information and then complete the online grammar exercises on Tex’s French Grammar (the third link). The first two links are informational only and do not have exercises. Print the exercises once you complete them to hand in. I will accept screen shots if you have issues printing them. (worth 20 points).  
   https://www.thoughtco.com/french-grammar-4133074  
   http://www.languageguide.org/french/grammar/  
   http://www.laits.utexas.edu/tex/gr/index.html (Tex’s French Grammar)

7. **Listening**- Listen to two online French radio, television, podcasts or French songs and write a one paragraph summary of each in French. In addition to the two summaries you must list: the title of the story or song, and define at least two new vocabulary words for each. If it’s a song you can easily look up the lyrics online. If you choose a song, write a summary about the lyrics of the song. Here are some good websites for listening exercises: (see srstarace.info for more) rfi.fr, europe1.fr, rtl.fr, tv5.fr, tf1.fr, radiofrance.fr, radio-canada.ca, france24.fr. (worth 20 points)

8. **Recommended**- In addition to the above assignments, you need to read, write, listen and speak as much French as possible. Use the above links to read more newspaper articles online, listen to French music, podcasts, movies, etc. and speak French to anyone you know who also speaks French.