



BDHS 2012-13 HONORS CLASSES SUMMARY

English

- Must write an essay for the WV Young Writer's Essay Contest
- Must attend 2 events that involve an author reading from a published work or article. (i.e. book reading, lunch with books, An Evening with the Arts, college speakers, etc...) After attending this event, I will bring my teacher a pamphlet or signed proof that I attended the event and will then type a 2- page essay on how attending the event affected me or what I took with me.
- Each month, I will choose a current events article from the newspaper. I will cut out, (or print), the article and write a 2- page essay on my personal thoughts on this topic. I will argue either for or against the topic.

Health

- Each nine weeks a 3 page research paper will be do. Topics will be discussed between the teacher and the student.
- Each nine weeks a power point presentation must be created. Topics will be discussed between the teacher and the student. The power point presentation will be at least 10 frames long.
- Each nine weeks a current events topic must be chosen and the student will write a two-page paper dealing with the topic.

Spanish

- Each month, students will do a creative writing assignment (short story, poem, etc...) in Spanish. For pronunciation practice, student will recite work.
- Each month, students will read articles and complete exercises in the Scholastic Spanish Magazines, "Que Tal" (Spanish One) and "Ahora" (Spanish Two).
- Each month, students will choose a current event article from the newspaper (local, USA Today, etc...) on issues facing Mexico and Latin America. They will write a two page essay on their personal thoughts on this topic.
- Each semester, students will do a cultural project with a presentation and visuals. Subjects can include film, art, music, food, etc... in Mexico and Latin America. Presentation must be done in the Spanish and English Languages.

Math

- All students taking Honor's Math must sign up for aleks.com, an online math program. It is mandatory that the fee in the amount of \$55.00 (two semester classes) or \$27.50 (one semester classes) is paid prior to signing up for Aleks. All checks must be made payable to Bishop Donahue High School.
- Students must master a minimum of 3 topics per week on aleks.com during the duration of the course.
- Students must attend the Marshall County Math Day.
- Students must complete one project, paper, and/or presentation per semester. Topics and guidelines are at the discretion of the instructor.
- Approximately 50% of assessments (tests/quizzes) will include intensified content.

Science

- Students must enter a science project in the Bishop Donahue High School Science Fair.
- Students will be given a monthly controversial topic in science on which they will write a 2 page essay presenting the arguments for both sides, making a decision, and backing their decision.
- Students will enter a science competition outside the school. Examples include the West Liberty University Regional Science Fair, the West Virginia State Science Fair, the Stockholm Junior Water Competition, the Science and Humanities Symposium, the JETS Competition, etc.

Social Studies

- Each nine weeks a 5 page research paper will be do. Topics will be discussed between the teacher and the student.
- Each nine weeks a power point presentation must be created. Topics will be discussed between the teacher and the student. The power point presentation will be at least 10 frames long.
- Each nine weeks a current events topic must be chosen and the student will write a two page paper dealing with the topic.

Religion

Seniors

- Write Essay for Fireside Publishers
- Attend Esopus Encounter Retreat
- Five Hours of Service at the 18th Center (*Beyond the required 15 hours*)
- Volunteer to Work One Meal for Various Dinners

Juniors

- Attend the Tec Weekend
- Volunteer to Work One meal for Various Dinners
- Five Hours of Service at the 18th Street Center (*Beyond the required 15 hours*)

Sophomores

- Volunteer To Work Two Meals at Various Dinners
- Seven Hours of Service at the 18th St. Center (*Beyond the required 15 hours*)
- Essay on What your Faith Means to You (1000 words)

Freshmen

- Volunteer to Work Two Meals for Various Dinners
- Seven Hours of Service at the 18th St. Center (*Beyond the required 15 hours*)
- Essay Concerning the Growth of the Catholic Church From Peter to Benedict (includes the different faiths that broke away from Rome).