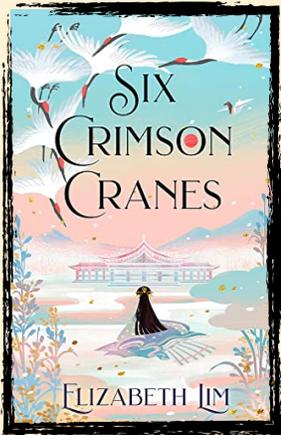




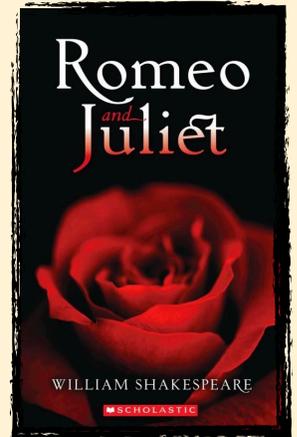
# BRDHS

## BELLE RIVER DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL



### Department of English

*English is a compulsory credit for every academic year. Four English courses are required to graduate. The department also offers creative writing and media studies courses. An exciting course for our grade 11 students is NBE, Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis and Inuit Voices.*



### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### English Destreamed Grade 9, ENGID

This course emphasizes analytic reading, writing, oral communication, and thinking skills that students need for success in secondary school English programs and their daily lives. Students will study and interpret texts from contemporary and historical periods, including plays, short stories, and short essays, and will investigate and create media works. An important focus will be the correct and effective use of spoken and written language.

#### English Locally Developed, ENGL

This course provides foundational literacy and communication skills to prepare students for success in their daily lives and in the workplace. The course is organized by strands that develop listening and talking skills, reading and viewing skills, and writing skills. In all strands, the focus is on developing foundational literacy skills and on using language clearly and accurately in a variety of authentic contexts. **Admission into this course is conditional upon recommendations made by grade eight teachers.**

#### Preparing for Secondary School English:

- Invest in a good word processing program like Pages or Microsoft Word
- Encourage reading of any kind at home
- Be aware of due dates for major assignments

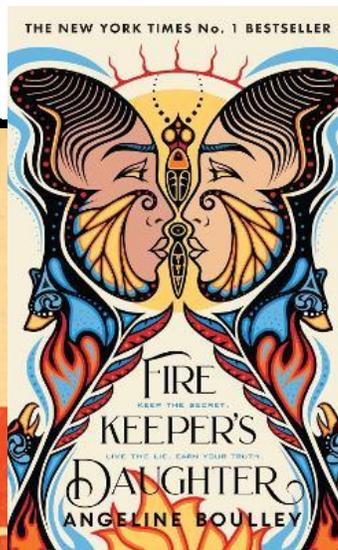
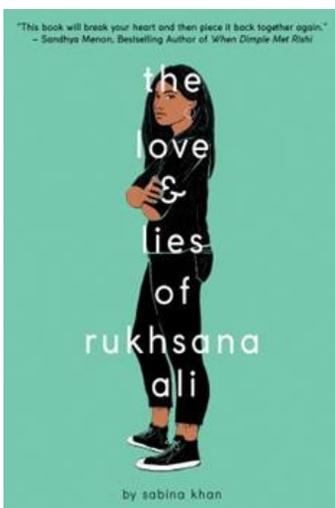
- Encourage communication between student and teacher to clarify expectations
- Encourage students to have their own email address and be able to attach documents.
- Encourage them to utilize their board provided student email for this purpose.

#### Preparing for the O.S.S.L.T

All students are required to successfully pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in order to obtain their secondary school diploma. This test is written in grade ten, but efforts will be taken to review the skills needed to pass the test in all grade nine courses.

## English at BRDHS

Belle River English embraces the rich diversity of its community and our English curriculum and classrooms reflect our commitment to fairness, equity, inclusion and respect. Our texts are culturally diverse to reflect the truth that greater equity means greater student success. We strive to build environments that are inclusive and safe. Some of our brand new texts are: Fire Keeper's Daughter, Long Way Down, Born A Crime, the love and lies of Rukhasana Ali, and Things Fall Apart.



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### Stratford Trip

Typically, the English Department hosts a field trip to the Stratford Festival. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience live theatre. Information about these field trips is available through the English department.

### Indigo Fundraiser

The English Department typically holds an annual fundraiser event at Indigo in Lakeshore. When shoppers present their special invitation to the cashier, 15% of their sale will be given to B.R.D.H.S. to offset the cost of field trips, for new textbooks and other resources. Contact the school for more details.



### DEPARTMENT HEAD OF ENGLISH

Ms. A. Ramcharan

### The Pluralist

BRDHS students have had many successful entries in The Pluralist, a publication of poetry, prose, and art work, generated by secondary students in the Greater Essex County District School Board.

