**English 4 CP Research Paper Overview**

For this research paper, you are to “enroll” in a college course from the list provided. You need to come up with a research paper topic that you would write for that course. It must be something that can be researched and argued and should NOT be an informative report. For example: If you were enrolled in the music course, you could not write a report simply about the Beatles. However, you could write a research paper about the influences of the Beatles on American culture or how the “British Invasion” influenced music. Your paper format could be argumentative, persuasive, analytical, problem/solution, or cause and effect.

**What you will need:**

1 large (9x12) manila envelope

50 – 100 4x6 notecards

25 3x5 notecards

Blue or Black ink pen

Computer access with a printer

School gmail account

**Paper requirements: paper must…**

1. Be based on something you would research in the course in which you are

“enrolled”

2. Prove a thesis

3. Use a minimum of 4 sources (no more than three from the web) for a passing

grade

4. Contain at least 4 full pages of text for a passing grade

5. Contain a sentence or topic outline (your choice) and Works Cited page in

addition to the text

6. Have a minimum of 10 possible sources, a minimum of 35 notecards, a rough

outline, a rough draft of a minimum of 5 typed pages, turned in with your

final copy. Notes must be numbered.

**Additional considerations**

•Papers are due on November 2 by 3:30 P.M.

•Late papers will be lowered 10% per day.

•Papers which are late due to illness must be accompanied by an excuse from the doctor on

his/her letterhead.

•Research papers will count not more than 40% of the first semester grade.

•A senior who does not turn in a research paper will fail the course.