

## Teacher Welcome for 2025-2026



**Teacher Name:** Thomas Nygard

**Room Number:** 1197

**Department:** English

Welcome to Mr. Nygard's class! I am looking forward to meeting all of you and for us to get to know one another as the year progresses. In my classroom, you will be encouraged to always keep an open mind, for it is there that your best learning will occur. Here we will foster skills of critical thinking as well as those related specifically to the subject matter. Students in my class are invited to actively participate in their own learning and that of those around them. In this way, we can all learn from each other.

I am excited to be a part of the KHS community. This is my sixth year teaching, and I love working here. I graduated in 2020 from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education-English. I have lived in Appleton for most of my life and I am overjoyed that I am here in Kimberly teaching at a school and in a community I greatly respect and admire. When not teaching, I enjoy spending time with my family most of all. My wife Jen and I have two children--Nico and Freya.

Students will use technology such as computers as well as old-fashioned writing utensils and notebooks in order to write, read, compose, and research. For this reason, please bring a **charged** device with a keyboard to class each day, as well as a pen/pencil and composition notebook. A full list of required items is shown below. If you have any questions, you can always contact me at [tnygard@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:tnygard@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

### **Classes taught:**

English 9, English 9 Freshman Focus, English 11

### **Please bring the following supplies for class:**

- Computer or other device **with a keyboard**
- Pen/pencil
- 3-ring binder (1 1/2 inches wide)
- Notebook or composition notebook (I will supply both a reading and writing notebook to students, but you are welcome to use your own)
- Post-it notes
- Highlighters (multiple colors needed - five pack)