

English 8
2007-2008
Mrs. Carol Brick
RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

As we begin our 40th year at Greater Atlanta Christian School, I have had the opportunity to reflect upon our theme, **LEGACY: Learn It, Live It, Leave It** (Hebrews 12:1-2). During our 8th grade Spiritual Retreat the students listed what they, as a class, would like to be remembered by. What Legacy, positive or otherwise, will the class of 2012 leave upon the future lives of GACS? I thought about what is most important to me personally. Here is my list of expectations for my students **and** for myself.

To be compassionate - *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*
(Ephesians 4:32)

To be respectful - *"Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king."*
(1 Peter 2:17)

To be obedient - *"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*
(Isaiah 1:19-20)

To be honest - *"For, Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech."*
(1 Peter 3:10)

To be kind - *"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."*
(1 Thessalonians 5:15)

To be fair - *"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*
(Luke 6:31)

To learn - *"Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge."*
(Proverbs 23:12)

To be accountable - *"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."*
(Romans 14:12)

To follow directions - Need I say more?

To do my best - A positive attitude and work ethic will go a long way.

To participate - Paying attention and contributing to discussions in class plays a vital role in understanding.

To be prepared - Always bring appropriate materials to class. You will not be allowed to go back to your locker once class begins.

To listen - Do not talk when the teacher or other students are talking.

To behave in a Christian manner at all times! Amen.

Together, we can build a **learning legacy**.

The **consequences** of not following the rules and expectations:

1. verbal warning
2. stay after class for conference (you risk being late to your next class)
3. parental notification - phone call; email; note
4. after school detention - parental notification
5. referral to principal - parental notification

****For severe misconduct, the student will be immediately removed from the classroom.****

The **positives** of following the rules and expectations:

1. verbal praise and recognition
2. positive notes and/or positive communication to parents
3. surprises, privileges, and rewards

***Tardies** will be recorded on a checklist in my classroom. The same consequences listed above will apply. Tardy consequences will be handled separately from classroom rules and expectations.*

HOMework:

Homework assignments are written on the homework board. It is the student's responsibility to check the board and write the assignments in their agenda daily. (I also go over the homework board daily.)

Each student will be issued 4 homework passes for late homework per semester. Homework must be turned in the next day for full credit. This pass does not excuse the student from completing the assignments. This pass gives the student an opportunity to bring in homework forgotten at home or in their locker. If the assignment was overlooked, it gives the student one day to complete the assignment and turn it in for full credit. Once the homework passes are used for the semester, the student is responsible for his/her having all assignments turned in on time or risk receiving 0 points for that assignment. Homework passes are not transferable to the next semester. All homework passes turned in at the end of semester unused will result in a special surprise from Mrs. Brick.

MAKE-UP WORK:

It is the student's responsibility to find out what he/she missed during an absence. Assignments made before the absence which are due during the absence should be turned in the day the student returns to school, if possible. Please see me for any "extra" time you may need to complete a missed assignment. See me to schedule a make up test or quiz. See me if you do not understand a missed assignment. This applies to all excused absences. Unexcused absences will result in 0 points for the missed assignments. Also, see me for any missed handouts. I will have a folder on my desk for any missed work during class.

HELP SESSION:

My help session will be on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Please give me notice if you will be attending. I want to make sure I am in the classroom. Also, you can schedule individual times to meet if you give me advance notice and it will work with my schedule. I am here to serve!

HONOR CODE:

As you sign this syllabus and rules and expectations handout you will also be agreeing to follow the GACS Honor Code.

"In order to maintain honor in my relationships, I agree to do what is right, to speak the truth, and to strive for integrity in all that I do. Therefore, I will not be involved in lying, cheating, or stealing. If I do vary from this path of honor, I will accept the corrections from others and the established consequences of this school. Honor is a goal that I seek to attain."

Thank you for reading my *English 8 Syllabus and Rules and Expectations*. If you have any questions or need to discuss anything with me personally, please feel free to contact me. If at any time you notice problems or concerns about your child in English 8, **please** contact me as soon as possible. I will do the same if the need arises from the classroom. I am committed to my classes and look forward to a wonderful year with your child.

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."
Proverbs 16:3*

You may contact me in the following ways:

cbrick@greateratlantachristian.org (this is the best way)

GACS voicemail: 770-243-2380 ext. 545 (least reliable way, not checked everyday)

Home: 770-339-8108 (before 9:00 p.m. please) Also, I'm in and out all the time, I have 3 active children!

Cell: 404-822-2244 (only if it is an emergency and can't wait until the next school day)

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SYLLABUS, RULES AND EXPECTATIONS FORM ENGLISH 8: MRS. CAROL BRICK

A life lived for God leaves a lasting legacy.

"Make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed."

Hebrews 12:13

Directions:

Parents and students - please read the attached Syllabus and Rules and Expectations. Please complete and sign this form.

Students:

Name: _____ (please print)

Student Signature: _____

I have read the syllabus and the rules and expectations. I understand the requirements for the course. I will do my best to succeed in this class and will abide by the rules and guidelines in this classroom.

Parent Name: _____ (please print)

Parent Signature: _____
(no initials please)

Parent Email Address:

Best Phone Number to Contact You: _____

