

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello! My name is Karen Hatzigeorgiou, and I am going to be your child's new 7th grade English teacher. Some of you may know me from other children I taught in the past. For those of you who don't know me, let me take just a moment to introduce myself.

I received my B.A. in English at San Diego State, my teaching credential at Sonoma State, and my Master's in Education at Touro University. I have been teaching English/Language Arts for almost thirty-two years. This is my 24th year teaching at Benicia Middle School. I feel very fortunate to have been able to live and work in this community for such a long time.

Four years ago I started teaching for half of the school year. Mr. Reed taught the first half of this school year, and I will be teaching the second. We have worked together to make sure that our curriculum, grades, and expectations are as consistent as possible. I know that there will be an adjustment period while the students get used to being with me and learning my style and way of teaching; however, I am confident that we will find a way to make the rest of the year joyful and productive.

During the second half of the school year, our curriculum will focus on the following topics: sentence composition, close reading and annotation of non-fiction, argumentative essay and summary writing, as well as reading and responding to literature with a focus on the theme of immigration.

You can find the class web site at *mrshatzi.com*. There is a lot of useful information there, including daily agendas, printable sheets, word study units, journal entry topics, and more.

I have given all students a hand-out about my class. Please review the information with your child and then sign and return the bottom half of this paper.

Feel free to call, text, or email me using the contact information provided on the student hand-out should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Karen Hatzigeorgiou a.k.a. Mrs. Hatzi or Mrs. H.



Student Name _____ Period _____

- ★ My student and I have read and discussed the English Class Information Sheet for Mrs. Hatzigeorgiou's class.
- ★ We are aware that the class agenda, along with hand-outs and other helpful information, are available on the class website at mrshatzi.com.
- ★ We understand that any late, missing, or absent work is due the Friday prior to the end of the quarter.

Please check one of the following:

- We do have internet access at home.
- We *do not* have internet access at home.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____