

Dear Parents,

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 got 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 twenty-nine years. This is my twenty-first 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.

Two years ago Mr. Kittrell and I decided to share our teaching year. He taught the first half of this school year, and I will be teaching the second. We have worked really hard to make sure that our curriculum, grades, and learning and behavior expectations are consistent between us. 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 structure and composing compound and complex sentences, close reading for information and note taking skills, 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 .

Please check one of the following:

- We have access to the Internet at home.
 We *do not* have access to the Internet at home.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____