



Date: August 1, 2011

To: Students/Parents/Guardians:

From: Dr. Rash

Re: New School Year

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you back to school. While a very small number of you may not be looking forward to the new school year, I know the vast majority of you are ready to embrace the opportunities ahead of you. The main difference between the students that do well in my class compared to those that do poorly is not necessarily based on intelligence level, but rather more related to the length of time they are willing to stay with the problem until it's correct. I hope that each of you perceive education as a valuable gift and not as a task that you are forced to endure.

I am always available if you have questions or concerns. However, due to school & family commitments it is unlikely that you can just drop in before or after school and catch me unless arrangements are made in advance. You may call the school at 485-8241 and they will give me a message to contact you. Be aware that I will typically not get the message until the following morning when I check my mailbox. Probably the best way to contact me is via email at greg.rash@jefferson.kyschools.us

In an effort to try to keep everyone informed as to what is going on in the class, I have developed a web site for my classes. You may get to the website off the Manual teachers page or go direct to the site with the following URL: <http://dupontmanual.com/manualteacher/rash/> All class syllabi, class expectations, homework assignments, sample test, projects, etc. will be posted on the web site. While the class syllabus & class expectations will be explained in detail the 1st day of class, I urge each of you to review them at home as well. Please understand that while the site gives an estimate of where I expect the class to be several months into the school year, these are estimates and are subject to change. I will try to always have the site up to date for the current week. Therefore, students/parents/guardians are always able to know what the assignments are & when they are due & when tests are scheduled. There will be homework assigned most every night; however, some students will be able to complete the assignment in class. Unless otherwise stated the assignment will be due at the beginning of the next class. Additionally, students will be assigned a code number, which will allow students/parents to go to the website & see up to date grades. This will be updated weekly and/or after any exams are graded.

I thank you in advance for working with me to help in the educational process. Education is a team process and cannot be done just at school. I'm looking forward to working with you for a productive school year.

Thank you,

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