

Dear Parents,

Welcome to seventh and eighth grade Literature. This year promises many exciting and challenging discoveries for your children as they continue their progress toward high school. Please read and discuss the following rules and expectations. I look forward to a wonderful year.

Literature

Students will read and understand a variety of materials including the provided literature book, class novels and outside novels. We will concentrate on literary elements (e.g. characters, setting, conflict, and theme.) We will focus on comprehension and students will interpret and apply information. Students will identify and analyze authors' positions, main ideas and purpose for writing. We will also identify and use a variety of literary techniques (e.g. foreshadowing, metaphors) as well as many genres.

Students will be expected to complete several book reports from a specific book list. Tests, quizzes, book reports, class work, homework and participation will be included in determining grades. **Students will be expected to bring a novel to class with them each day for independent reading.**

Homework and class work

All homework must be turned in at class time for credit. Any paper without a name will be treated as a missing assignment. Students are not permitted to return to their homerooms for forgotten homework, books or supplies.

Long-term projects must be turned in on the date due to receive full credit. No exceptions will be made for absences, broken printers etc. Late assignments will be given a deduction of 20% for the first day late, 40% for the second day and no credit after three days.

Homework is given in class and is posted online as a courtesy and students are responsible for their homework even if it is not posted on the website.

Grades

Grades are assessed as follows:

Literature

Tests	40%
Quizzes	25%
Homework	20%
Participation	15%

Absences

All absent work needs to be made up.

Students are responsible for checking with teachers for missing work.

No work will be given in advance.

Behavior

Be respectful and tolerant of others:

when they are speaking

of their property

of their feelings

Be considerate of others:

work quietly

stay on task

Be prepared:

have all supplies and assignments

be ready for class

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns throughout the year at 239-5535 or e-mail at dchancellor@stgabriel.net. I look forward to a terrific year!

Sincerely,

Denise Chancellor