

JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH 2011 - 2012

Hello families/students of Jr. High,

I want to take the time to share some information about my life with you, since I have the pleasure to get to know you all and hear all the exciting things that happen in your lives.

I am truly excited for this year. God has blessed my family and me with two lovely children. My daughter, Eva is four years old and attends West Covina Christian's Preschool. She loves school as well as dance class. She is our social butterfly. My son, Judah was born in March. It has been a fun filled summer seeing him grow while watching Eva play with her brother. Judah has been a blessing and keeps our hands full. It will be fun raising a daughter and a son. So far, they have been completely different. We just keep laughing!!

My wife (Andrea) currently works at Murray Elementary School in Azusa as a first grade teacher. She has taught Kindergarten and first grade for over fifteen years. She loves to teach the young ones where as I love to teach the older ones. We always joke about how we are so opposite and would not want to change grade levels to teach.

My wife and I just celebrated our sixth wedding anniversary this summer. We love to water ski, wakeboard, and spend time on the water. I am a huge sports fan and my favorite team (for those that don't know already) is the San Jose Sharks. I grew up in San Jose before I came to Southern California.

I graduated from Azusa Pacific University where I majored in Liberal Studies as well as received my Teaching Credential and Master's in Education. This is my tenth year at W.C.C.S.

I look forward to sharing more with you throughout the year as well as getting to know you all more as well. Feel free to contact my through the school office by phone or email.

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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7th and 8th grade textbooks:

Literature: Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar: Prentice Hall

7th Book Reports:

One book report assigned 1st, 2nd quarter and possibly 3rd quarter. Book must be picked from the attached book list or Jr. High section of WCCS Library. All book reports are due a week before the quarter ends. They are worth 33% of the quarter grade.

Due dates are the following:

Quarter 1 – October 28th

Quarter 2 – January 27th

Book Reports must be typed,
size 12 font, double spaced,
Times New Roman Font

8th Grade Essays/Poems:

Two five paragraph essays will be completed

Each student will write their own poem upon return from the HST.

Class Novels:

7th Grade will read Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry. They will be purchased in class later in the year.

8th Grade will read Daniel's Story (provided by the school) and Your Own Jesus. This will be purchased in the class in the spring.

Tests/Quizzes:

There will be a quiz every Friday. The quiz will include either vocab/DOL and/or anything we covered in the week. Tests will be periodically over time and plenty of notice will be given and the students will be told exactly what will be on them.

Homework:

There will be homework usually Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday nights due to Church, homework will be very light if any. Very rare will there be homework over the weekends. *(Remember they will always have their book report/essays to be working on)*

Grading:

Book Reports/Essays – 33%

Test/Quizzes – 33%

Homework – 34%

All three areas are very important. Not one is more important than the other. The book reports are to build reading comprehension and vocabulary, tests and quizzes are to evaluate whether the students grasp the material covered, and homework is to give practice to concepts being taught and prepare them for the test or quiz later.