



Spring Grove Area School District

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you and your student to College Prep. English 11. My name is Amanda Grant, and this is my seventh year at SGAHS; I have experience with ninth through eleventh grade English and learning support in the English classroom. I graduated from Gettysburg High School in 2000, Harrisburg Area Community College in 2007, and Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA in May 2009 with my B.A. in English and my certification to teach students at the secondary level. I have work experience in several different customer service jobs, I taught dance for many years, and I worked in a factory for five and a half years on a powder coat paint line. For the past seven summers I have also taught with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit's Migrant and ELL Education Program. My husband and I live with our beautiful six year old daughter, two dogs, two cats, and a flock of chickens. My goal is to draw on these experiences to help bring the curriculum to life for my students. I am very excited about working with you and your teen this school year!

Throughout the year, my goals are to help your teen become a better reader, an improved writer, and an exceptional critical thinker. To help him or her find success, I have created a "wiki," or website, at which you will find daily homework updates which can be accessed through my "Teacher Page" located on the SGAHS webpage.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or with information that would help me to assist your student. If you notice a change in your teen's behavior or attitude, or are just concerned about your teen, you may also consider contacting your student's guidance counselor. As a team we can work together to help our students reach academic success.

I am enclosing a survey that I would like you to fill out, so that I will know more about your teen, your family, and your expectations for the school year. Only the starred parts of the survey are required, but the rest of the survey will help me to understand your student's learning style and your expectations. Please return the survey with your student by Tuesday, September 1. Thank you so much for your time, and I look forward to working with you and your student throughout the school year!

Sincerely,

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Ms. Grant's List of Supplies for English

In order to make your Back-to-School shopping more productive and to help you to make the most of this exciting school year, I have created a list of supplies that you will need.

Items for English:

- 3-ring binder, any color, at least 1 ½ inches* (**One-inch binders are NOT large enough**)
- 5 dividers to place in your binder
- Agenda or some kind of book to write down assignments or a digital program / calendar app
- Pencils / Pens
- Notebook paper
- 1 folder with 3 holes to clip into your binder (recommended)
- Flash drive (thumb drive – called many different names); not required but **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

*The 3-ring binder is specifically for English assignments. If you choose to put more than one subject in this binder it should be 2 ½ to 3 inches in size. (For example, if you decide you want one large binder for all of your morning classes, that is fine, but you will still need to have a section for English that is divided into 5 sub-sections.)

Parent Survey

This survey will help me to better understand your student. **The starred information is required**, but the other information is optional. Please return with your student by **Tuesday, September 1**. Thank you!

*Student's Name: _____ *Class Period: _____

*Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name(s) _____

1. *How would you prefer that I contact you? (Please check all that apply and give contact information next to the options you choose):

- Home phone: _____
- Cell phone: _____
- Email: _____

2. *What is the best time of day to call? (Are there certain times that I should avoid calling because of work schedules, etc.?) _____

3. *My student has access to the following forms of technology:

- Computer
- Printer
- Internet:
Please specify the type of internet:
 - High-speed
 - Dial-up
 - Our internet is reliable.
- Smartphone / iPad / iPod

*Students are given an online textbook sign-in, so these questions help me to know which students might need paper copies. You do not have to answer the technology questions if you do not feel comfortable.

4. How do you feel about your student's academic record until this point? (How have your student's grades been in the past few years? Do you feel your student is achieving to his / her full potential or do you think he / she could be doing better?)

5. What expectations do you have for your teen for this school year?

6. How can I help you and your student this year?

7. What type of a learner is your student? (Does he or she learn best by listening, watching, or participating in hands on activities? Does he / she like school or does he / she have trouble focusing in class? Please provide any information that you think might be useful.)

8. Please list any other comments, concerns, or questions you may have.

