

PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL



"PRESERVING OUR PAST -- PREPARING OUR FUTURE"

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Another fast-paced summer has come to a close and I'm again energized and ready for another great year as a Warrior. I am excited to be able to connect throughout the day and have time be able to check in outside of class time. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your sons and daughters in the short time we've had together thus far and am eager to learn more about them as we journey through the school year together. As always, it is my intent to understand each of my students on an individual level in order to best suit their needs. Students should be prepared to be challenged and to challenge themselves. My students give me confidence that this generation will do great things for the world.

When checking your son or daughter's grades on Pinnacle, there are a few things to consider. Shortly after an assignment is turned in, I will enter M's for students whose assignments are missing and R's for students whose work I've received. Almost all assignments are take-home quizzes, so it usually takes a while to read through them all, provide feedback, and then get them into the gradebook. **If you see a R, it means that they turned it in, but it is still being graded.** If you want to know whether your student is keeping up with class and turning in the assignments given, I strongly encourage you to always look at the details. Please make note of the "fluctuating grades." These grades can **rise and fall** over the course of the trimester based on student performance. I hope to address each of these areas at least twice during a trimester. **Note that all fluctuating grades in the online gradebook may or may not be accurate depending on when it was last updated.** Follow Through grades will be entered twice in a trimester. **I've outlined the details on the "Assessment in Room 228" handout in this packet.**

Class information can always be found on the class website and in Google Classroom. You can find assignments, links to handouts, due dates, and class topics posted in Google Classroom and an overview at oldschoolinroom228.weebly.com. (I am currently working towards updating the website. Your patience is appreciated.) You can always link to the site from the district's teacher resource page as well. **Although I'm currently in the process of updating the content, an outline of units and standards can be found by clicking on the "Documents" link on the top line of the website.** I encourage you to bookmark it and reference when necessary. If you ever have any questions or concerns please call, email, or come and visit. I am anxious to meet you all.

Respectfully yours,

Geoffrey Lake

Please sign and return this portion to indicate that you have read this letter and the attached documents, and that both you, and your son or daughter, are aware of the content.

Name of Student: _____ Period: _____ Parent or Guardian (Print) _____

I have read the information in this packet.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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