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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to French I! I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to work with you this year. This is my fifth full year teaching at Dorman High School as a Cavalier. I graduated from Wofford College in 2005 where I received my BA degree in English, obtained extensive studies in French, and completed my teacher certification. I am also the Blue Belles coach here at DHS.

Throughout the course of the year, we will work on developing speaking, reading, and writing skills in French, establishing a knowledge of French culture from around the world, and working on our study habits. This course is designed to provide students with the tools needed to evolve into independent learners and to facilitate the transition into DHS.

In the classroom, I will use a variety of teaching techniques in order to appeal to the students' many different learning styles. The students will actively participate in open discussions, independent writing and reading, note-taking exercises, projects using technology, and cooperative learning. Implementing these diverse teaching strategies will encourage the student to stay engaged and active in class.

We have very few rules and regulations in this class other than those presented in the student handbook. The primary rule is that we have mutual respect. A few others are:

1. Be on time
2. Be prepared
3. Be respectful
4. Have a positive attitude!

Attached to this letter is a syllabus to be signed and turned back in to the teacher. Feel free to contact me, and I will stay in contact with both parent and student regularly in regards to student progress in the class. I am looking forward to a great year!

Thanks,

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