August 8th , 2018

**DEAR CALHOUN SUPERSTARS!**

 I decided to write you a 1ST Day Letter because I wanted you to know that I was thinking about you and am saddened that I’m not here today. I also wanted you to know a little bit about your teacher like all other students are learning theirs on today. So here goes!

What’s up, what ‘s up , what up my geniuses? I believe this is going to be one of your best years! Why? Just because IT IS!! AND you have one of THE BEST TEACHERS in your corner ANDDDDDD you were destined to be in MY CLASS! So it will be a great year! Students, you should know that I am FIRM but fair! You should also know that I have high expectations that I will not lower. Why , because I believe you can. I also believe in RESPECT! And that ‘s RESPECT 360 $° $of everyone in and outside of A202. So listen, I will push you to be and give your very best without excuses. I also expect you to do your part, and that means your personal time invested outside of A202. I will always give my very best to you because I’m invested 110% in your success. I’m here to help your dreams come true. So brace yourselves ☺ I will accept nothing less than your maximum effort daily. No more… “ I CAN’T”. I will accept “I am trying to…..”.

OK, HERE’S WHY I’M NOT HERE….. I was trying my hardest to prepare our room and got injured while doing so. I was taken by ambulance from school to the hospital and here I am on crutches with an elephant size foot! Don’t laugh. ☺…I’m in pain…but really my foot is so puffy that it looks like it’s going to pop. But guess what, it’s not how we start, **it’s how we finish!** And we will finish strong! Lionstrong that is!!

Class, this was suppose to be my 1st day also and I’ve NEVER missed a 1st day, 2nd day or week…uggh but we must make the best of it and roll with the punches. Here’s a few more things about me. This is my first year here at Lithia Springs HS but I’ve been teaching for 15 years to include middle, high and collegiate level mathematics ranging from Pre-algebra to Precalculus and from college algebra to now a college level graduate course. I’m also currently teaching at Aurora University. My experience is somewhat broad as I’ve taught in Cobb County, Paulding as well Fulton and now Douglas County Schools!

 I’m married and am a mom of 3 beautiful children (most of the time) lol. No for real , they are my heartbeats but my son stole the sunlight from his sisters who’s now 8! Aside from being mom and wife, I absolutely love, love, love to ride my motorcycle whenever I can ***( yup- your teacher is a rider - 600 Suzuki GXR that is ☺).*** I also love going to the gym so this injury is simply depressing! Really depressing because being stuck is not my thing! Umm lets see …what else…Ok, I live in Cobb County, ***my older sister has beaten cancer this past year ☺,*** I want to learn how to swim, I love learning new things, and I get bored easily, I don’t like wasting time and I believe having a bad attitude is simply the worst thing to have.

Well enough about me! So now this is where you come in. I will go over my expectations, rules and all the good stuff in details when I return but for now you should know the basics .”BEHAVE” be “RESPECTFUL” come “PREPARED” and “GIVE YOUR BEST” starting today!

 Don’t disappointment me and be sure to follow the instructions on assignment #!. Oh….and in this class, **everything** counts! **E…V…E….R….Y…T…H….I….N…G!**

**( Hint: Assignment #1 counts)**

**Mrs. Calhoun**

Love yah and I will see you soon.

Mrs. Calhoun