

Coach Vaughn's Classroom Guidelines 2017-2018

The TCS theme this year is *Unleashed* . . .

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach GOOD NEWS to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’S favor.” Luke 4:18-19

Unleashed will serve as the foundation of our classroom and daily activities at TCS. We will work intentionally to fan the flame that God has instilled in each of us; as we continue to mature our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Luke 4 places a responsibility on us to actively pursue the unleashing of the power of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of our lives. We will encourage each other to that end, and look for opportunities to fulfill our obligation as Believers--to love, to serve, to care.

And building upon last year's theme, we will keep HONOR at the forefront of our work, recalling that the 5 'R's' serve as its foundation. **Respect** the educational process and our Honor Code. Equally as important is respecting your elders, your classmates, and the school campus. Enter class emotionally, spiritually, and physically prepared to do your best. Behave courteously in class (and around campus), remembering that the students and teachers you see are more than just acquaintances--they are your spiritual brothers and sisters.

Enter into **Responsibility** and learn **Reliability**. Learn to step-up and face your 'job' as a student. Give your best effort, and strive for excellence in all you do. Look to get better in all aspects of your life at TCS--spiritually, academically, and physically. Simply stated, work to become a better person, and always look to help others. Be someone everyone can count on to deliver--to do the right thing.

When possible, and as appropriate, try to move from acquaintance to **Relationship** with those around you. Said another way, try to move from merely recognizing a face to knowing people better. Healthy relationships make us all better people. Most importantly, enter into the relationship with your Christian brothers and sisters that is mandated by our Lord Jesus, learning to show them the love that God teaches.

Above all, seek first the kingdom of God and its **Righteousness**. Remembering none of us are perfect, but seeking the indwelling of Jesus' perfection (transforming your mind and your heart) is a worthy pursuit for all.

As to Academic Pursuits ...

- The words discipline and disciple are connected...learn what that means for you in the context of your life and in the classroom.
- The most successful students read the textbook material, complete homework, and pay attention in class.
- Tutorial (extra instruction) is available; don't hesitate to come see me--I'm here for you! Tutorial is best sooner rather than later.
- Learning is an ongoing process, and learning to think analytically (understand data/facts, assess a situation, and solve problems) is the reason for most of what we do in mathematics. In fact, good analytical skills will be extremely useful in your future, in many areas of your daily lives.
- Cheating is when you receive any assistance not specifically authorized by me on a quiz, test, or a graded assignment. Copying someone else's homework to turn in for a grade is also cheating. The dilemma we both face when you don't follow guidelines--display inappropriate behavior during a quiz or test, or have

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unauthorized materials available during a quiz or test--is that it gives the appearance of cheating. Don't cheat...it compromises the educational process.

- Missing class for any reason makes it more challenging for you to do well, period. The more you miss, the more difficult it is for you to master a subject.
- You are responsible for making-up all missed work, regardless of your attendance record. Absences or tardies impact you from learning that day's lesson; find out what you missed and seek extra instruction if necessary.

Common Practices ...

- Write your name, subject, and period at the top right-hand side of your papers.
- Use pencil, not ink.
- Circle your answers.
- Showing your work is important in math; always do so unless you have permission to do otherwise.
- Missed quizzes and/or homework due to unexcused absences are typically given a grade of zero.
- Tests must be done in one sitting; once you are handed a test, you will complete it during that class period unless I allow otherwise.
- Note: students have the opportunity to take a second-chance test one time during a 9-week term, usually within three class days of the time the original tests are handed back. However, per TCS policy I must restrict your grade to a maximum of 70%. When you receive a test back to review, make a habit of writing down every problem that you missed to rethink/rework. Many test problems are fundamental building blocks for future concepts, and they will likely appear on the semester exam.

Special Reminders ...

- Do not be a distraction to other students; my job is to create a great learning environment, and your job is to be a positive contributor to that.
- Observe guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.
- No cell phones unless specifically allowed by me for that class period.
- No sleeping in class; if you're tired stand-up and go to the back of the classroom.
- No food or beverage in class other than bottled water.
- Be in your seat and ready to go to work when the bell rings.
- Stay in your seat unless otherwise directed by me.
- Trash goes in the trash can; recycle goes in the recycle can.
- Books left in class will be turned-in to the Principal's office.
- Use Renweb to check lesson plans and to monitor your grades.
- Contact me via e-mail (rvaughn@tcseagles.org) or see me in Room 704 if you have any questions.

Final Thought...

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts. --John Wooden

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