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Dear Parents,

**Welcome** to a new year at Broughton High School. I will be working with your child in the study of **Child Development**. This is my first year at Broughton High School. However, this is my 19th year in education. I am a 1990 graduate of Meredith College with a B.S. Degree in Home Economics and Child Development.

In this course we will cover the following topics: **FactorsThat Influence Parenting, Teen Sexuality, Pregnancy, Labor and Delivery, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Careers relating to the Study of Children and Child Development.** I will always try to cover each topic with respect. However, if there are any topics that you **do not** feel comfortable with your child participating in, please let me know.

Your child will also be expected to complete the **Baby Simulator Project** during the semester. Your child will need to have at least a **70 average** in this class before they will be able to participate in the Simulator Baby project. If your child does not have a 70 average, then he/she will be expected to complete a written project relating to Infant Development.

I have discussed my classroom expectations with your child. Please review these expectations with your child. As part of my **Behavioral Consequences**, your child may have to stay after school for After-school Detention, if he/she violates any of our classroom expectations. If your child is unable to stay after-school for detention, please indicate that on the attached form, so other arrangements can be made in the event a violation occurs. **Please, sign and return this acknowledgement form by** **Wednesday, August 28th or 29th, 2013.** **Returning** **this signed paper will be your child’s first grade for this 9 weeks grading period**.

As part of our Child Development curriculum I have created a **class website** (<http://broughtonchilddevelopment.weebly.com> ). This website has a **calendar** where all daily lessons will be posted each day. In the event that your child misses class, he / she will have access to the day’s activities. All class notes, vocabulary, Power Point presentations, etc. will be accessible through this website. Each student will also have a **Quia** account that he/she will use to review for tests and quizzes throughout the year.

**Communication** is an important component of student success. I can be reached by phone or for faster response by **e-mail** (@wcpss.net). I will also communicate with the students via email. Please encourage your child to check his/her email on a daily basis**. Technology** is a vital tool in 21st Century learning.

I look forward to working with your child this and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Sincerely,

**Debbie Parrish**