

# Back to School with Ms. Genord 9th grade English/Language Arts



School image goes

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to another school year at Butler High School! I am very excited to get to know my students and their families. My name is Caitlin Genord and I will be your student's English teacher this semester.

## About Me

- I recently graduated from Butler University in Indianapolis with a degree in Secondary English Education and with a minor in Information Literacy.
- I was born and raised in Ann Arbor Michigan.
- I love hands-on learning and use a lot of technology in my classroom.
- I encourage students to be critical of the world around them.
- I believe real learning is sometimes unpredictable, open-ended, spontaneous and requires further inquiry.

## Monthly Newsletter

I will send home a newsletter each month to keep parents up to date on our class. I have asked students to get their syllabus signed by their parent/guardian and have provided space for you to share your contact information with me. I will email the newsletter to parents who provide an active email account on the syllabus form!

## What You Should Expect

I have high expectations and am looking forward to watching your students grow this semester. Students should be able to:

- Collaborate effectively in both the small groups and in class discussions.
- Participate actively by listening intently and speaking for themselves.
- Monitor their comprehension of texts by applying reading strategies.
- Express themselves creatively in speaking and writing.
- Demonstrate personal growth in beliefs and opinions
- Develop a purpose for exploring and thinking critically about texts.
- Evaluate and use information fairly to promote original thinking

If you should ever have any questions, comments, concerns or just would like to talk about your student's progress please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Genord

**Email:** [caitgenord@gmail.com](mailto:caitgenord@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 734-333-3333