**English 8**

**Letter Writing (Major Project)**

**What is it?**

* Your next major project is to write 10 letters, each at least ¾ of a standard page in length.
* The total amount of writing you’ll be doing, then, is about the same as a 7 ½ pg. paper, but these are informal letters that should not be written as essays
* There will be two due dates: 5 letters are due mid-September, then 5 more in mid-October
* You may choose to write any of the following type of letter:
  + Thank you letter
  + Apology letter
  + Compliment letter
  + Request letter
  + Any other type Mr. Schock approves (talk with him if you got other ideas!)
* You are encouraged to write these letters to family, friends, and teachers… And while you are required to write these letters and address them in envelopes, you do not have to send them. That will totally be up to you after they’ve all been graded.
* Be sincere and personal, but also know that Mr. Schock will be reading all these (he has to in order to grade them and give you writing feedback). Please don’t write anything in the letter you aren’t comfortable with Mr. Schock or Mr. Goetz reading.
* Use this as an opportunity to say something really heartfelt to people. Take it seriously. Joke letters or letters that took no effort and aren’t sincere won’t be accepted for a grade.

**How is it graded?**

* This is a 100 point major project, so each of the 10 letters is worth 10 points.
* These letters are graded entirely upon participation and fixing errors.
* When you turn in 5 letters at each of the due dates, he’ll look over them and give you feedback in case you need to change anything. If you don’t make the changes, you’ll be graded on any mistakes, but if you fix them before they go into the envelope, you’ll receive a 10 out of 10 as long as everything is done on time.
* Letters may be handwritten or typed. If you type the letters, put them all in one (10 letters) or two (5 letters each) documents in your English folder. If you write them by hand, you need to keep them safe—if they are lost, you will have to rewrite them.

First 5 due: \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last 5 due: \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_ Addressing envelopes: \_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_