



## 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start!

Our goal is to provide exceptional service once again in the new school year. With a "bumper crop" of new students, as well as 80% return students, CEA has added more teachers with expertise in specific subject areas to accommodate the course load. Welcome to

**Dr. Francis**  
**Mr. Dean**

**Mr. Stadt**  
**Mrs. Tanguay**

**Mr. Zabor** has also joined CEA staff full-time as the **Business Manager**. He not only has expertise in business affairs, he holds two Master Degrees and teaches several courses. He does most of the accounting, financing, and accreditation expectations.

**Miss Gentile** is the **Assistant Director at CEA** and works full-time. She teaches English, but has added Algebra I to her course load. She is an expert in this subject matter and has been very helpful for students struggling in Algebra. Miss Gentile is the Assistant Director at CEA and works full-time.

**Miss Rietena** took over many history courses from Miss Jackson and has proven to be a wonderful addition on the CEA staff. She is returning as our #1 world history teacher.

**Miss Nason** has chosen to be the primary teacher for almost all our Gradpoint students, and is doing an incredible job! She is quick to respond and support all students in their class work.

In the past, **Mrs. Z** taught one class for every student in the school. With so many new and returning students this year, she is unable to do so. Instead, she plans to focus on student counseling and administration. For success at CEA, keeping parents up-to-date on student progress, attendance requirements and grades are of the utmost importance. **Look for bi-monthly email progress reports, quarterly mailed reports, and semester reports.**

Please make sure CEA has your correct email address on file. We are usually the last to know of a change!

Most students work at their own time, around their own schedules and outside activities. Please remember, this is true for teachers as well! Teacher profiles and letters were sent regarding hours. **This is key in waiting for responses!**



## Student and Teacher ID cards!

With a digital passport photo, or 1x1 "head" shot photo, CEA will create an ID card. Many stores give 10% discounts!



## The choice of an Accredited Online School

The main reason for choosing an accredited online high school is assurance your child will receive a quality education, one accepted by colleges nationwide. CEA is proud to announce that we rank #4 out of the top 50 online schools in the country! (<http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/best-online-high-school-diploma-programs/>)

At CEA, most of our new students take college preparatory courses. In addition, CEA offers honors and Advanced Placement courses, and will allow students to take dual enrollment courses from a local community college starting in 11th grade. Another reason to choose an online school versus a public or private school is the distraction factor. You don't have to worry about the cliques, peer pressure, bullying and classes with 32+ students. When you decide to study, we hope you are able to focus on your course work, and avoid the stress of everyday school. In this way you can develop your Christian identity apart from the social and peer group pressures of traditional schools. We hope that all of our new students are gaining confidence in their ability to work online! Call Mrs. Z at 800-886-0501 if you would like to set up a Skype or discuss any of your courses.

## First PHOTO contest for the new year!

CEA runs contests most months. We encourage all students to participate. We give prizes to help persuade you to get involved with your school! It is our goal to try and start the first CEA yearbook. Many pictures are needed.

**Theme and Rules:** Students present a Jpeg or other downloadable photo of themselves taken over the summer. Choose any photo, but the most creative usually wins. You must also write a sentence or two "caption" to go along with the photo.

**Prizes:** 1st Place: Mini 2G Ipod  
2nd Place: \$50 Amazon Gift Card

**Deadline and Submission:** All submissions must be sent by email to [ceaMrsZ@gmail.com](mailto:ceaMrsZ@gmail.com) no later than **October 20th**.

**Judges:** Miss Gentile, Miss Nason and Mr. Zabor will chose the contest winners. Prizes and winners will be selected by October 31st.

*We encourage all students in all grades to enter!*

## APEX Suggestions and Help

- Many Parents are confused about the weekly emails regarding progress. Miss Gentile has prepared a video to help parents:  
First: <http://www.screencast.com/t/XYcp80Uk>  
Second: <http://www.screencast.com/t/KhGBwyni>
- Please do the systems check on the log in page every month or so.
- [Click on the grade-to-date column](#) on your home page for each subject. Print these lists out, and you will always know what assignments must be turned in, and WHEN assignments are due!
- Remember, **teachers ONLY GRADE Monday through Friday.** Please be patient! Many of our teachers work evenings. Check the teacher profiles on Apex to see your specific teacher hours. They do have 24 hours to respond! If a teacher does not get back to you within 48 hours, give them the benefit of the doubt. Resubmit work.
- If you FAIL a quiz, [it is your responsibility](#) to contact your teacher and let them know. Follow Apex instructions. The teacher can either move you forward, or help you with the assignment and allow you to retake it.
- In most subjects, the only time you will not be able to take the CST (Computer scored test) or TST (Teacher scored unit test) is if you are ahead of schedule. Ask your teacher to change the date to take this test only! [In math, you can take the CST](#), but must wait until the teacher grades the final practice before taking the TST. If you fail the practice, you will fail the test. As a mastery based school, teachers must help you pass the practice first.
- Skypes. [Teachers must skype one CST or TST in each semester](#) for most courses. Teachers have the right to choose this assignment. Many use the mid-term or final exam. **HINT-take notes in each unit.** Before the end of each unit, do the diagnostic test. It doesn't count toward your grade, but is a very clear indicator of what you need to know for the unit exams.
- All teachers have their own email. Please be sure to send appropriate assignments to the correct teacher.
  - [ceamissgentile@gmail.com](mailto:ceamissgentile@gmail.com) (English and Algebra I courses)
  - [ceamrsnewman@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrsnewman@gmail.com) (Algebra II, biology and Chemistry)
  - [ceamrsrietema@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrsrietema@gmail.com) (world history)
  - [ceamrzabor@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrzabor@gmail.com) (Spanish, US History, Pre-Cal, Earth science)
  - [ceamrstadt@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrstadt@gmail.com) (Geometry)
  - [ceamrdean@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrdean@gmail.com) (various math)
  - [ceamrsz@gmail.com](mailto:ceamrsz@gmail.com) (electives, music, health, etc...)
  - [ceadfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:ceadfrancis@gmail.com) (Economics, Gov. and some US history)
- Most important reminder: [Mrs. Z is NOT doing unlocks this year](#), except in her classes. It is your responsibility to contact your teacher on time, for the next unit quiz unlock. With the amount of students we have this year, I am not responding to emails over the weekend.



Miss Nason!

## Gradpoint suggestions and Help

Miss Nason is the primary teacher for most of Gradpoint. She has a few things you to remember:

- Office Hours- Miss Nason works during the day. The best times to reach her will be between 5pm and 9pm EST, Monday through Friday.
- Miss Nason is here to help you. If you don't understand something, please email her. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find out for you; but if you don't ask, she won't know you are in need of help.
- You can email her at [ceamissnason@gmail.com](mailto:ceamissnason@gmail.com) or you can email directly from the Gradpoint website.
- Much of the time you will be working on your own on your classes. [Please remember that most of the lessons must be done in order.](#) Unless your teacher gives you permission, **skipped assignments may be given a zero to prevent you from moving ahead.**
- All discussions and work should be submitted through the Gradpoint system. Only your teacher can give you an exception. Review the video if you have questions: <http://www.screencast.com/t/UEmKLVUJrb5>
- Remember that the dates for assignments are to help keep them on track, but you can always work ahead. After Christmas Break, we can re-adjust dates. Try to complete **50% of the work by Christmas, and the rest of the work by June 15th to enjoy a summer off!**
- The posttests or module tests are worth 80% of your grade. You can take notes, and we recommend it! Passing the post tests are critical, as a mastery based school.
- **If you get below an 70 on a test** you will have a couple of choices. You have to get 70 or above to pass the test so you will need to either -

Retake the test or 2. Email Miss Nason and tell her you did not pass. She will email you the questions you got wrong. You will then answer the questions after reviewing your materials, return the answers to Miss Nason, and she will give you extra credit.

Once you get 80 or above you will be able to continue with your class. Miss Nason and Mrs.Z check the classes weekly, but if you see that you have failed a test, contact Miss Nason immediately.

- Most importantly, **do not call Mrs. Z about resetting a test, or questions about the curriculum until you have waited 24 hours for Miss Nason!**