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Dear Student,

My name is Mrs. Boese, and I am hoping that by reading this letter, you will get to know me a little bit better. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, and size 8 shoes (men's). I have a sense of humour and like to laugh. I also can be sensitive (I have been known to cry excessively at a movie—or really poignant commercials), and I care about my students. One of the things I need in order to be an effective teacher is to have you engage in what we're doing.

I am currently petless. I used to have a dog named Chinook, and a cat named Spencer. They were both adopted from the Humane Society. Unfortunately, Spencer became ill in his old age, and my husband's dad "took him for a drive to the country." We haven't seen him since. Chinook was 13 last fall when we had to have her put down, so the only pet we've had since is a dying tri-coloured bumblebee that my son Max and I hung out with for 45 minutes last weekend.

I love fall (it's my favourite season), but I DO NOT like cold weather. I went to Rockway Mennonite Collegiate in Ontario, and then went on to play volleyball at the University of Waterloo. I love sports, especially basketball, swimming, and biking. I also play guitar and sing. I have two brothers and one sister, and I am the oldest. I was a lifeguard through high-school and university, and one of my goals is to do a triathlon before I'm seventy.

Six and a half years ago, we (my husband Shawn and I) welcomed our son Max into our family. He's lots of fun, so that's why I started teaching part-time and dropped my grade 12 English and grade 10 Phys. Ed. classes. I used to love taking naps, and getting a good night's sleep, so I'm glad I did lots of that before Max came along, because ever since he was born, I've been sleep-deprived. You'll probably hear a few Max Stories throughout the year, and some of you may know someone Max's age, so you'll be able to relate.

I hope to know all of your names by the end of September. I look forward to reading your letters, and learning about who you are.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Boese

Grade 9 English
Mrs. Boese
Letter of Introduction
Due: September _____, 2015

Letter of Introduction

Write a letter, using the format shown in the sample letter, and introduce yourself to me. Include information that would help me get to know you. Interesting hobbies, character traits, pets, summer jobs, and future goals are all items of interest.

Letters must be typed, 250-500 words, single-spaced, and in 12-point **serif** * font.

The marks will be distributed as follows:

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| ⇒ | 8 facts about yourself | 4 marks |
| ⇒ | 3 character traits | ½ mark each |
| ⇒ | 3 physical characteristics | ½ mark each |
| ⇒ | 2 future goals | 2 marks |
| ⇒ | What are you looking forward to OR dreading about this course? | 1 mark |

Value: 10 marks

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