THE PATERNAL PROFESSOR

Organized. Prepared. Memorable. You got this.

Making a Great First Impression

☐ Read the class syllabus the night before. This will give you more insight into what you are going to learn and how you are going to be graded. It will also give you something to ask a question about that the class will want to know.

☐ Walking into class before the bell shows you're prepared and ready to learn. Rushing in at the last second sends a very different message.

☐ Smile and introduce yourself.
You don't need a long conversation.
A simple... "Hi, I'm Rob. I'm looking forward to your class."
...takes less than ten seconds and shows confidence and respect.

☐ Bring what you need.
Being prepared with your notebook, Chromebook, pencil, or lab materials tells your teacher you take the class seriously.

☐ Be fully present.
Put your phone away, make eye contact, and pay attention. Teachers notice students who are mentally "in the room."

☐ Participate early.
Raise your hand. Answer or ask a question.
Contributing during the first week shows you're willing to be involved.

☐ Treat everyone with respect.
Teachers notice how students speak to classmates just as much as how they speak to adults. Kindness and respect are always memorable.

🎯 Your Challenge for the Week

Before Friday, ask yourself:
□ Did I introduce myself to at least one teacher?
□ Did I ask or answer at least one question?
□ Did I arrive prepared every day?
□ Did I give my teachers a reason to remember me—for the right reasons?