



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hello! This letter is a welcome to your child's United States History/Geography class instructed by Mr. Beaton in the Pinckney High School Pirate Academy. The purpose of this letter is to discuss the academic goals of the class, introduce myself and welcome you to be an active participant in your child's educational journey.

Our mission in the social studies department at P.H.S is to have our students make informed, reasoned decisions in their personal, political, social, and economic roles as citizens of a culturally diverse, global society. I will strive for your child to become a motivated and lifetime learner who's capable of managing change and exhibiting flexibility. I also pursue initiatives to have your child become a critical thinker and problem solver within the classroom. I want my students to look at the past of this great country and appreciate the people, events and decisions that have taken us to where we are today.

I am starting my sixteenth year here at P.H.S and I consider it an honor to be your child's teacher. My wife Jodi, daughter Alexzandra and I reside here in Pinckney and take pleasure in being a part of the community. I received my bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and possess a Master's Degree from Marygrove College. I am also proud to be the Varsity Football Defensive Coordinator. So, that's a little bit about me!

To keep updated on class happenings, please visit my website at phsteamstrength.com. There you will find all sorts of information on the class to keep you updated. Also, I highly encourage you to sign up for my class *Remind*. This gives me the opportunity to send out one way reminders in regards to class. The information on how to sign up for *Remind* is on the back of this letter. You can sign up to get text messages, download the remind app and get push notifications, or emails.

I also welcome you to PLEASE send me an email or leave me a voicemail describing your son or daughter. If you do...your son or daughter will receive ten points extra credit if I receive it by Monday 9/12. In your response, I'm looking for things such as...What are they like? What do they enjoy? How do they learn best from your perspective? What extra-curricular activities might they be involved with? What do they do in their spare time? I'm just looking for things which will allow me to help make a connection with your son or daughter, and tailor lessons to integrate aspects of their life, which will help to make a connection to our great history. And of course, these will be kept strictly confidential unless you otherwise specify that I may share some of the information with your son or daughter.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and look forward to the emails, voicemails and meeting you. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns, and I look forward to providing the best educational experience possible for your child. Thank You!

Yours in Education,

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