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Dear Parents,

 First of all, let me say what a pleasure it is to have your child in my classroom this year and extend my thanks to you for your time and personal involvement in making their educational experience the very best it can be. To get that experience off to the right start, I’d like to introduce myself and my class.

 My name is Bill Salyers. Your child is either in my English III or my AP English class. As we begin our journey together this school year, I would like to invite you to take an active role in your child’s educational experience. I know that you have many letters like this to read. Therefore, I will be as brief as possible. It is my heartfelt belief that every student can not only succeed but excel in their educational experience with the proper support and encouragement. I approach my classes with this belief in mind. Being a parent myself, I understand how difficult it can be to keep everything together. That’s why I like to keep things simple in my classroom. Having worked in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges, I have found this approach to be the most effective way of guiding my students to the high expectations that I know you as parents have for them. With that in mind, I only have one rule in my classes.

 RESPECT- for yourself and others.

 Your child can expect to be treated with respect, by myself and other students. Your child will also be expected to treat others with respect at all times. This means staying on task, turning all assignments in on time, and being kind to others in both word and deed. I try to keep homework assignments to a minimum, and as such, I will only accept late work with an excused absence. I send out regular student progress reports during each grading period to aid you in monitoring your child’s progress. I also expect students to be familiar with the school’s policies and procedures.

 There might be occasions when a student acts in a manner that is less than respectful. In those cases, I use an escalating scale of encouragements to help students return to appropriate behavior. First, I will discuss the behavior with the student. If the inappropriate behavior continues, we will have a second discussion, and I will contact you personally via email or telephone to discuss the behavior, and only if all other options are exhausted, I would invite the input of school administrators. Please rest assured that this type of persistent inappropriate behavior rarely occurs, and I am certain such will not be the case with your children. I do reserve the right to involve administration if I feel it is necessary for the benefit of your child.

I know how challenging high school can be for both parents and students. By working together, we can meet those challenges and come through them with amazing results. I look forward to your personal involvement with your child’s success in my class. Please fill out, sign, and return this letter, indicating that you have read and understand the classroom rules. Additionally, please provide me with contact information where you can be reached in an emergency. It is my sincere hope that you will contact me personally with any concerns you may have for your student’s continued success in my class. I am available after class dismisses Mon-Fri, or you can email me at jwsalyers@clevleandcountyschools.org.

Respectfully,

Billy Salyers

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Please fill out the following and return to class

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Email address that you check regularly:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does your student have access to a computer at home? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_ Internet Access? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_