

TO: Students, Parents, and Guardians
FR: Pam Wagner, Social Studies Teacher, BHS
RE: Introduction/Information
DATE: 2017-18 School Year

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Brunswick High School!

At the beginning of each school year I like to introduce myself to my students and their family members so you will all know a little bit more about me and where I come from before we start working together. A lifelong Maine native, I grew up in Jay and earned my degree in Secondary Social Science Education from the University of Maine at Farmington and my masters in American and New England Studies at the University of Southern Maine. My husband Phil and I live in Freeport with our two children, Alexandra and Benjamin. I look forward to building on the relationships I have with my state, my content, and my family to include a rewarding and successful relationship with my students and their families.

I tend to be a very easy-going teacher and although I strive to make my classes enjoyable for both my students and myself, I have very high academic and behavior expectations for everyone. My main goal is to give my students the opportunity to become effective communicators and informed, valued members of society. To do this, students must discover their own ideas and opinions while accepting the existence of and learning how to work with opposing viewpoints. I challenge my students to ask questions, take sides, and defend their positions. My hope is that they will take advantage of this opportunity and go on to share the information they learn in our class with their families and friends.

As the year progresses you will see that I try to include parents and guardians as often as possible in each student's learning experience. Today I will begin this endeavor by asking you to review some basic information about our class and provide contact information to open the lines of communication for our year together. I always make my contact information available to my students and their families and urge you to please feel free to use any of the means listed below to contact me at any time. I have included a space for your signatures solely as a way to let me know that you and your child completed and reviewed the information together. I will do whatever I can to make our year together successful, and to do this, your ideas and input will be welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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 Feel free to text! Home Email: pam@pwags.org
 Website: http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/pwagner/

Student _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Do you have: a computer at home? internet access? a smart phone?
please circle: (YES NO) (YES NO) (YES NO)

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Relationship _____ (*mother, stepfather, aunt, grandparent, etc.*)

Email _____

Is it ok if your child: watches movies related to the content of our class? (YES NO)
 is photographed or recorded by Mrs. Wagner in class activities? (YES NO)

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Note to Parents: I will make a photocopy of this sheet to keep for my records and will give this original back to your child – I advise them to keep this sheet in their binder so they will have my contact information with them whenever doing work for our class.