

TO: Students, Parents, and Guardians  
FR: Pam Wagner, Social Studies Teacher, BHS  
RE: Introduction/Information  
DATE: 2012 - 2013 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 on a farm in the small town of Jay and went on to earn my degree in Secondary Social Science Education from the University of Maine at Farmington. I taught at high schools in Farmington and Turner before coming to BHS nine years ago. My husband Phil and I live in Freeport where he owns and runs a small business and we have two children, Alexandra who is 11 and Benjamin who is nine. I value the opportunity to learn about social studies with my students precisely because of the relationships I have with my family, my state, my content area, and my students. As such, I am looking forward to a rewarding and successful experience for us all!

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 also have very high academic and behavior expectations for everyone in my classes. My main goal is to give my students the opportunity to become effective communicators and informed, valued members of our society. To do this, they must discover their own ideas and opinions while accepting the existence of and learning how to work with opposing viewpoints. I will 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 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 read a little about how students earn their grades and the behavior that will be expected of them and to provide me with 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 (this goes for both students and their parents/guardians). I have included a space for your signatures at the end solely as a way of letting me know that you and your child have accurately completed and reviewed all the information on the handouts. I will do whatever I can to make our year together successful, and to do this, your ideas and input will always be welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Student \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle: CELL HOME)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle: CELL HOME)

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
(mother, father, aunt, etc.)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a computer at home for student use? (please circle: YES NO)

If yes, does this computer have internet access? (please circle: YES NO)

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Student's Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature