

Dear Parents,

Hello, my name is Allison Sletager and I will be your child's English teacher this year. I am really excited for the upcoming school year and hope that your student is also. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you and to provide you with a bit of information about my class.

This fall will mark my sixth-year teaching at Mtn. View High School. I love it here at Mtn. View and think this year is going to be a great year! Before taking the position here I was previously at Bishop Kelly where I taught Freshman English and Speech. Here at Mtn. View I teach English 9 Honors, and English 10.

Before teaching I attended Boise State University where I received my first degree in Mass Communication and Journalism in 2008. In 2009 I decided to go back to school to get my second bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education, and the rest is history! Two years ago, I graduated with my master's degree in Education Leadership, and some day plan to become a principal, but as for now I am extremely happy in the classroom. I have a passion for teaching and hope to inspire your student to have a passion for learning!

Now that you know more about me, I wanted to share a bit of information about my classes. As a part of my class, and English curriculum, students will occasionally be participating in journal writing activities in the form of bell ringers and class activities. The purpose of these activities will be to explore ideas that are related to the curriculum and make connections with modern society, and the student personally. These writing activities will prepare the students for the day's concepts, provide practice for writing skills, and prepare students for discussion. *These activities may not always be graded for content but instead graded for completion and participation. As is common practice I will not be reading every piece of student writing for content.* Parents and guardians may request their student bring their activities home if they wish to read the contents of their student's work. If you need more clarification about this subject, please let me know.

If you could please sign and date the bottom of this letter and return it to school with your student, I would greatly appreciate it. You will also notice that the back of this sheet has some information regarding our grading philosophy here at the MVHS English Department. I encourage you to check it out and let me know if you have any questions! My email is sletager.allison@westada.org.

Thank you,

Allison Sletager

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Name: _____