Dear Parent (s)/Guardian(s),

 My name is Emily Durbin and I am your son or daughter’s U.S. History teacher this year I am a native Tulsan and grew up attending Tulsa Public Schools. I have a passion for education and have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little girl. I attended Oklahoma State University where I majored in Secondary Education and Social Studies and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in May 2014. I am certified to teach U.S. History, U.S. Government, Oklahoma History, Economics, World History, Geography, Psychology, and Sociology. I am also certified to teach Advanced Placement U.S. History. I made the decision to teach at Nathan Hale High School because it is located in the neighborhood I grew up in. I am grateful to be serving the community in which I was born and raised.

 My goal for your student this year is to walk away with a deeper appreciation of the United States and its history. It is also my goal to treat each student as an individual and to give them the skills they need to grow and achieve. I will always be available to help your student at any time. I firmly believe that history comes alive when personal connections are made. This class will be fun, interesting, and challenging. I am here to see that each student has the opportunity to succeed and make their time in my class worthwhile for years to come. I need each student to come to class prepared and willing to learn in order to ensure their success. For this reason I would like your assistance in being a part of your child’s education.

 In this letter I am listing my contact information. Please feel free to contact me anytime there is a concern about your son or daughter and their performance in this class. I am also available to meet for conferences. Please email to schedule a conference and I will be happy to meet with you. I will be available before and after school Monday-Friday. On the second page I am also asking for your contact information. Your student will receive 10 points extra credit to start the year by turning in your signature and contact information. This is to ensure that your student will have the best opportunity for success in my class.

I have a classroom website for students, as well as parents, that will list assignments, due dates, and have information about what is going on in this class. This web address is listed at the bottom of the page. Please email me if you have difficulty locating this page and I will send you a direct link. You are also able to contact me directly through this website if you do not use an email address.

**Phone: 918-925-1236**

**Email:** **durbiem@tulsaschools.org**

**Website: www.msdurbinushistory.weebly.com**

**Room Number: 327**

 bThank you for taking the time to read this letter. Let’s have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Emily Durbin

U.S. History 1878-Present & AP U.S. History

Nathan Hale High School

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS PAGE TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVE READ THIS LETTER**

**RETURN TO Ms. Durbin for 10 points extra credit!**

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