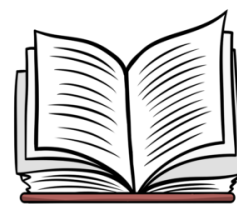


# Mr. Sill's 8th-grade ELA Class

2019-2020

Hillview Middle School  
Westside Union School District



## Parent Collaboration

The purpose of this brochure is to get connected. When it comes to education, we've all heard the saying, "it takes a village." The same holds true for educating a child. In order for your student to excel, it is important that we remain on the same page as much as possible. Below, I have outlined some of the ways we can collaborate and stay in touch as we journey through the coming year.

## Technology/Internet

I will be using two programs to keep parents informed on their student's assignments and grades: **Google Classroom** and **PowerSchool**. The former will be used for posting assignments and announcements, and the latter will be used to post grades and log comments about student progress, perceived needs, and behavior.

At the end of each school day, I post the homework for that evening on **Google Classroom**, along with lesson for that day, handouts, and other important information. Checking Classroom will ensure that your child is completing homework as it is assigned. You can get your own access to Google Classroom by adding yourself to your student's account. If you have any trouble, please contact me and I can assist in getting you the access you need.



Google Classroom

I do not post grades on Google Classroom. To keep up with your student's progress, please check **PowerSchool** as often as you can. I try my best to post grades quickly, so you can keep up with your child's progress in real-time.



PowerSchool

If you ever have any questions about your child's grades, or about any assignments, please feel free to contact me.

# Parent/Teacher Conferences

lets**COLLABORATE!**



On **October 7-8**, I will be available for Parent-Teacher Conferences during the day. Additionally, we will have evening conferences on October 8. If possible, please come by. I would love to get to meet you personally. This is a great opportunity to collaborate, touch-base, and come up with initiatives specific to your student.

## Some Other Important Info

**Late Work:** My policy on late work is rather flexible. At the end of the day, I want students to be successful by completing their assignments. So, I accept late work for up to full credit most of the time. However, every two-three weeks I will communicate to students that we are reaching a “refresh” date. After that date, late work from before that date will no longer be accepted, except in the case of extenuating circumstances, or with parent involvement.

**Classroom Management:** I do my best to manage behavior “in house.” Because I believe the student-teacher relationship requires work, time, patience, and rapport to really develop into something special, I will not turn to administrators or parents until I believe I cannot resolve the issue on my own with the student. Therefore, if I reach out to you concerning classroom behavior, please know that I deeply value your student’s welfare and success, and I am not calling to complain, but to collaborate. In the case of cheating, bullying, plagiarism, or other extreme issues, I will likely reach out much sooner.

## Contact: Email and Phone



On the syllabus I will be sending home with your student, there is a section for you to fill out with contact information. Please take a moment to complete this and ensure it returns with your student. This will help me keep in touch. **My preferred method of contact is email.** If you prefer to communicate via phone, feel free to note it on the contact info sheet.

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