Dear Parents and Guardians,  
  
I am excited to welcome you to Bellevue West High School, and more specifically, to Team Thunder. I am looking forward to getting to know your student throughout the year in English class.   
  
Since I know many students are glued to their phones and the Internet, I try to use those resources in a positive way. Students were encouraged to sign up to receive text reminders (of upcoming due dates, assignment reminders, etc.) on their phones in class the first week of school. I use Remind101, which allows for complete confidentiality of actual phone numbers. Students are never able to see my phone number, and I can never see theirs. If you are interested in receiving these messages, there are directions for signing up on the back of this letter.  
  
I also have a class website: muldoonenglish.weebly.com that I update frequently. Copies of notes, PowerPoints, assignments, and directions are always available along with links to YouTube clips or other websites with additional information. Sometimes, I have links to flashcards on Quizlet, which many students enjoy using to study. Since I only provide one copy of handouts per student, if a student loses a copy of an assignment I have already handed out, I will often send him/her to my website to print another copy. This is truly a great resource for students and an easy way for you to be aware of what’s happening in English class.  
  
In early October I am expecting a baby boy, so I will be on maternity leave for 8-12 weeks following his arrival. I have a long-term substitute in place, so your student will have the same teacher consistently for those 2-3 months. I am hoping to still have the website updated as a resource during time.  
  
Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns, or comments.  
   
Sincerely,   
Kristen Muldoon

Freshman English Teacher  
Team Thunder