Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello! My name is Rob Palmiter, and I will be your child’s Social Studies teacher this year. I’m sending this letter home to introduce myself, to tell you a little bit about my plans for the year, and to offer you the chance to contact me if you have any questions.

I grew up in Niles, Michigan, just north of South Bend, Indiana, and about twenty minutes from Lake Michigan. In 2004, I graduated from the University of Notre Dame with my degree in Political Science, and I then earned my Master’s degree in Secondary Education at Indiana University of South Bend in 2006. For the next two years I taught Middle School Social Studies in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia, followed by six years teaching Middle School Social Studies at Bremen Elementary/Middle School in Bremen, Indiana. My wife is a Freeport graduate, so six years ago we moved to the area and I have been teaching here ever since! Our daughter is starting first grade this year, and I am realizing as I type this that she is half way to being a student in my class – where does the time go!!

One of the things I love about teaching is getting the opportunity to help my students develop their understanding of themselves, our country, and our world. What we see on the news can be confusing. I hope to help my students get a better sense of why things happen the way they do so that they can make good decisions as citizens in a democracy. Another goal of mine is to help my students become effective thinkers, speakers, and writers. I’ll help them dream big for themselves and take responsibility for making those dreams a reality.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments about your child and how they are performing in class, please get in contact with me as soon as possible! You can access our class website at <https://www.freeport.k12.pa.us/olc/155> to see upcoming assignments and tests each week. The best way to reach me is to send me an e-mail at [palmiter@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:palmiter@freeport.k12.pa.us). You can also call me and leave a message with the office at 724-295-9020. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you for your time - I’m looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Rob Palmiter

Please fill out the information below, detach it, and send the bottom half in by Friday, August 23rd. Keep the rest so that you can refer to it later. Thank you!

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(Please return to Mr. Palmiter)

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Please write any questions or comments on the back and I will get back to you. Thanks again!