Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

My name is Anthony Salciccioli and I am your child’s World History teacher this year. I am writing to tell you about my personal and professional background, my mission as an educator and what your child will be learning about in class. I also invite and welcome you to get a hold of me anytime. These can be inquires, comments, criticisms, compliments, suggestions or anything that you feel can better the experience for your student. My email addresses is Anthony.salciccioli@clarencevilleschools.org.  I will get back to you within 24 hours. If you prefer, you may call the school at 248.919.0408.

I began teaching at Clarenceville Schools in 2001. In addition to teaching, I was the President of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies from 2012-2013, served as a trainer for the Library of Congress, and coached football, wrestling, and track. I graduated from Michigan State University in 1996, obtained a second undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2001 and received my Master’s Degree from Marygrove College in 2006. I was awarded the Michigan Council for History Education’s Teacher of the Year for 2014, the Gilder Lehrman Michigan Teacher of the Year for 2016 and Clarenceville’s Teacher of the Year in 2017. I am married with three wonderful children and have lived in Metro Detroit my entire life.

It is my sincerest hope that all of my students will derive life-long learning in a safe, secure environment. I teach in order to make young people better critical thinkers and enjoy learning. I feel it is my job to instruct students how to think, not what to think. There is no greater tragedy in my mind than wasted potential. Therefore, I will make it my personal mission to do my utmost to have your student reach his or her greatest potential. It is also part of my mission to work collaboratively with you and make you feel satisfied in my performance.

This course is driven by my course page on Moodle that can be found at: <https://moodle.oakland.k12.mi.us/clarenceville/course/view.php?id=174> I encourage you and your student to bookmark this page and follow along with it. All class materials are on there for studying, or to make up missing assignments due to absences. This page is my attempt to be as transparent as possible, so there are no surprises when students take assessments and that no student falls behind. I also invite you to follow the class on Twitter @SauceWH to keep up with what happens every day. Textbooks are used as supplemental resources in class, so don’t expect them to bring a book home. However, please encourage your students to spend fifteen minutes every night reviewing what we’ve learned that day. I refer to this as, “home practice”, instead of homework. Students who engage in this practice have had success in the past.

I look forward to working with you and your student this year.

Sincerely,

Anthony Salciccioli