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Dear Parent or Guardian,

My name is Ben Danner, and I am pleased to have your child in my English class this year at Jarrell Middle School. It goes without saying that this year will be different, but rest assured your student (with help and encouragement from me) will meet the challenges before us head on. I have a passion for teaching and mentoring, and I welcome the opportunity to help your child continue to develop into a confident, competent, and reflective young adult. In this class, your child will learn about cultures, people, places, and situations... all through the mediums of reading and writing. This class will better enable your son or daughter to succeed in our increasingly complex global society.

My background includes: Earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering with a minor in Philosophy from the United States Military Academy at West Point; a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from Texas A&M University; a Master of Arts degree in Mass Communication from the University of Florida; over 26 years leading, coaching, teaching, and mentoring in the United States Army, including three years as a professor in the English Department at West Point.

I am confident that your child will work hard and meet the expectations of this class. I will be in touch with you by phone, email, or periodic text updates through Google Classroom (as you prefer) to keep you aware of your child's progress in my class. If you have any questions or wish to speak with me, you can email me at ben.danner@jarrellisd.org. You can also leave a message on my work phone (512-746-4180 ext. 3121), and I will get back to you as soon as I am able. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

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