August 23, 2016

Dear 8th grade students and parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope that your summer was relaxing and that you are ready for a great 8<sup>th</sup> grade experience. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you!

My name is Keith Kerns. My wife, Katie, and I live in Burbank with our daughter Khloe, our son Kaylem, and our German Sheppard, Kane. I am a graduate of Cloverleaf High School and earned my teaching degree from the University of Akron. I have also been a member of the Army Reserves for the last fourteen and a half years. I was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and hope to bring my experiences from the military to continue Norwayne's excellent patriotic traditions.

Please review the classroom rules and procedures with your son/daughter. If you have any questions throughout the year about class or the Washington D.C. trip, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I am looking forward to a terrific year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith Kerns