Dear Students and Parents,

This year we will be using Edmodo in our English class. Edmodo is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students, and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions, and receive class information.

Edmodo is accessible online and through any mobile device with Internet capabilities – including free apps for iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and Android devices. Students can access their account from any mobile device or computer, and set up notifications within Edmodo to receive alerts/reminders via text or e-mail.

Edmodo will not be used as a social network like Facebook or Instagram. This tool will be used strictly for educational purposes using the following guidelines:

• Students will be required to use appropriate grammar instead of texting language.

• Edmodo does not allow private student-to-student messaging; the site will be used to discuss school- related content only.

• No put-downs or sarcasm toward another’s ideas. All school rules and consequences related to harassment apply.

Please see the back of this letter for the Edmodo Guidelines and Code of Conduct that your child signed in class. Students who violate the guidelines may face disciplinary action and/or face losing the privilege of using Edmodo.

I look forward to a great year as we incorporate the use of technology into our classroom curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact me at leighanne.clay@vbschools.com

 Thank you,

Mrs. Leigh Anne Clay

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If you have never created an Edmodo Account, you can create a new Student Account by following the steps below:

1. Go to [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com/)and click "**Students**."
2. Fill out the **registration form**with the Group Code, a unique username, and password.  *An email address is NOT required to sign up for a Student Account.*
3. Select the **“Sign up”** button to complete the sign up process. You will then see the Group your teacher created in the left side panel of your account.

*Note: You only need one Student Account to*[*join all your Groups*](https://support.edmodo.com/home#forums/20806385-join-a-group)*!*

2A – English 11 Honors Code: 2kwzwk 2B –Journalism Code: a4yjtq

3A – English 11 Honors Code: nbib98 3B - English 9 Code: 9pdbq8

4A – English 11 Honors Code: hbmrvm

**Edmodo Guidelines**

*Posting Messages*

· Post a note to the whole group if your question is about something the whole group should know (assignments, instructions, dates, etc.)

· Send a note to your teacher if you want to talk about something that doesn’t relate to everyone.

· If you’re not sure if a word or joke is okay, then it’s probably not. Refrain from posts that tease, bully, annoy, spam, or gossip about any other members.

· If you think there is something inappropriate posted in an Edmodo group, tell a teacher immediately.

*Punctuation & Grammar*

· No txting lingo. We r ur teachers…show me that u have learned how 2 spell.

· DO NOT PUT SENTENCES IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

· Do not end sentences with more than one exclamation mark!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Or question mark????????????

· Please, please, please, do not repeat a word more than necessary.

**Edmodo Code of Conduct**

1. I will use one of the avatars included with Edmodo for my profile picture or use one that I have appropriate legal permission to use (i.e. not copyrighted).

2. I will use posts to discuss school-related content only.

3. I will use a respectful tone of voice when posting. All school rules and consequences related to harassment apply.

4. I will use appropriate grammar instead of texting language.

5. I will not use my posts to promote personal websites, clubs and organizations, or chat rooms.

6. I will avoid sarcasm to minimize misinterpretations.

7. I will not reveal any personal information on Edmodo. This includes telephone numbers, addresses, emails, passwords, etc.

8. I will not post photos or videos showing myself or classmates/teachers without permission.

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