Dear Parents:

This school year, our class will be using Edmodo, a free and secure online learning platform where teachers and students can collaborate, share content, and use educational apps to augment in-classroom learning. Within this private learning environment that is managed by the teacher, students can only interact with others in the class. Edmodo provides a safe and easy way to connect and support learning beyond the classroom.

Edmodo will enhance the learning experience and help students develop important online skills. On Edmodo, students will be able to:

- Participate in class or group discussions that are monitored by the teacher (students cannot send private messages to other students)
- Communicate directly with the teacher to ask questions and get help with work
- Keep track of important due dates, events, and tasks
- Receive and turn in assignments and quizzes
- View missed work when absent from class
- Access Edmodo from any computer or mobile device with Internet capabilities and receive notification reminders via email or text (optional)

You may also sign up for a parent account on Edmodo, which connects to your child’s account. This is a great way to keep informed of due dates, assignments, grades, school events, and any direct communication between your child and me. You will need a parent code to create your account, which can be found through your child’s account. Parent accounts are not required, but I recommend signing up for one to stay engaged with your child’s learning experience.

In order for your child to use Edmodo, he or she must have your permission, and you must read and agree to the Edmodo Terms of Service (http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service) on your child’s behalf. You must also read and agree to the Edmodo Privacy Policy (http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/privacy-policy). Edmodo takes privacy seriously and has received the TRUSTe Children’s Privacy Seal to verify this. The only information required from students to set up an Edmodo account is the teacher’s class code, their name, and a username and password. Please review the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy with your child and note that these policies may change over time, so you should review them again when you or your child receives a notification that they have been updated.

To enhance learning activities, I may choose to use certain educational applications from the Edmodo Store. This digital content is offered by vetted third-party publishers who have their own privacy policies but are required to abide by Edmodo’s privacy policy standards.

I hope that your child will enjoy using Edmodo and gain beneficial skills this year. You can learn more about Edmodo by visiting http://bcsdschools.edmodo.com/

I give consent for my child, listed below, to use Edmodo for class activities.

Student Name: _________________________________

Parent Printed Name: ____________________________________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________________________________ Date: _____________________
Please print and sign the Technology Acceptable Use Policy fields below and return this back to Mr. Pugh to file in the classroom. The policy can be found in its entirety in the Student Agenda pages 58-67.

- Spreading hurtful messages, rumors or lies about others by e-mail or on social networks
- Creating websites, videos, or social media profiles that embarrass, humiliate, or make fun of others.

8. Disciplinary action and possible confiscation of the device will result if a student is found in violation of the District’s Acceptable Use Policy.

Inappropriate use or violation of the electronic mobile device agreement/permission form may result in the following or more severe disciplinary action:

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I read the procedures for internet and technology use in the student handbook and understand that my participation in any violation of this contract will result in disciplinary action, dependent on the nature of the offense.

Student signature ____________________________
School ____________________________

Parent permission
I give permission for my child to conduct independent research on the internet under the conditions described in the student handbook.

Parent signature ____________________________
School ____________________________