

Hello Bridgepoint Parents and/or Guardians!

Welcome to the school year of 2023 - 2024 at Bridgepoint High School!

My name is Mrs. Valerie Smith and I will be teaching English, ELD and Art as well as coordinating Work Experience. Chances are pretty good that your child will be on my roster for at least one English class, maybe two, and maybe Art or Work Experience as well. Some students will be with me more than half the day!

Whether a student is with me for just one period or several, my goal is to help them to find the joy in learning; Regarding English and ELD in particular, I want them to leave my class better readers and writers than the day they first stepped in my room and find the satisfaction and practicality that comes from strengthening themselves in speaking, listening, reading and writing. In Art I hope to open their eyes, hands, hearts and minds to their creative side and explore the many artistic aspects of our world. Students enrolled in Work Experience should finish the year understanding their rights as workers and their responsibilities as financial earners.

This year we will continue to use Google Classroom for all of my English classes, so please be on the lookout for links which will be available on the school website. Being connected to your child's education is one of the greatest ways you can support your child's academic success. Another way you can connect is to keep in touch with me, their teacher. I am easily accessible by email at [vsmith@newarkunified.org](mailto:vsmith@newarkunified.org) and/or by phone at 510-818-3222.

I'm looking forward to working with both you and your student this school year. Together we can help them achieve success!

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