

MR. WILLIAMS' CLASS SOCIAL MEDIA

October 11, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As you know I offer a variety of communication methods for you and your child to receive classroom information outside of e-mails, newsletters and my website. These alternative methods include a **Class Facebook Page**, a **Class Twitter Feed**, a **Qik.com (Video Feed)**, and *other sites* to enhance your child's learning and give you a chance to step into the classroom virtually. As we move forward and I make changes to how the Social Media is being utilized I am asking for you to sign the bottom of this form so that you can talk with your student about *Internet Safety, proper etiquette for the Internet and Cyber Bullying* and acknowledging that your child has your permission to use them. I have created a page on my website (mrwilliamsclass.com) that will help if you need information on these topics. The most important piece is that you are aware of your child accessing Social Media content that relates to our class. *Please know that if your child does not have access to Social Media it does not reflect negatively against them academically. The use of Social Media in Education is just another format educators across the country are using to connect with students who spend a majority of their time on the Internet and in Social Media sites.* I do run a Live Twitter feed from my website so that you or your student can view messages without the need to access Twitter. Any important messages that I send is done through Twitter which automatically populates into Facebook.

Text Messaging (SMS) is a new feature that I am adding to stay connected with parents and students. That last minute reminder not to forget a project the day it is due, event reminders, or test dates. If you want to join my Text Messaging Blasts please visit my webpage and sign up, information is on the front page.

Sincerely,

Mr. Williams

Social Media Web Addresses

- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/mrwilliamsclass>
- Twitter <http://www.twitter.com/MisterWsClass>
- Qik <http://qik.com/mrwilliamsclass>
- UStream <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/mr-ws-ed-talk>
- TeacherTube <http://www.teachertube.com/members/viewProfile.php?user=mrwilliamsclass>
- Cinch <http://www.cinch.fm/mrwilliamsclass>

Text Messaging Service

Yes my child can receive Class Text Messages (SMS) on their cell phone.

Please initial next to each of the Social Media Sites and the Text Message (SMS) above and sign below then have your student return it to me by Friday, October 14th.

Parent Signature of Acknowledgement _____ Date: _____