

Welcome to Mrs. Esquivel's Social Studies Class!

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After reading through this information, please sign and have your parent/guardian sign it as well. Then return the signed form electronically on Google Classroom by MONDAY, 8/31.

Covid-19 and Safety Guidelines

All students will follow the safety guidelines established in the Saint James School Re-Opening Plan and Student Handbook. Students will wear a mask at all times and remain socially distant (6-feet apart) as much as possible. Students will inform the teacher immediately if they do not feel well or are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms.

Leaving the classroom is a privilege. If you need to leave for any reason (bathroom, water, nurse, locker) please ask first. You cannot leave during the first 5 minutes or last 5 minutes of class due to introduction or wrap-up instructions.

Technology & Apple Classroom

Technology is an asset and a privilege in the classroom. Students in grades 7 and 8 will have a school provided device for use during class. To ensure appropriate technology usage, all students using a device during class must join the Apple Classroom Group for their class period. For all other technology questions, please refer to the St. James School Mobile Device Take Home Usage Agreement and Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

Teacher Website & Google Classroom

My teacher website will be updated regularly with class newsletters and information about the topic currently being studied. All class notes, resources, and assignments will be posted on Google Classroom. I will also use the Stream Page of Google Classroom to post any announcements for students. All students should update their settings to allow either push or email notifications when materials, assignments, or announcements are posted.

Remote Learning

Students participating in remote learning – either by choice or due to the school being closed – will be able to find all recorded lessons, materials, and assignments on Google Classroom. Students may also be required to participate in Zoom meetings throughout the week. All assignments and assessments are expected to be completed on time. If there are special circumstances, please speak with me.

Participation

I expect every student to participate in class. It is important for you to add to the discussions and contribute to partner or group work. Participation also includes being prepared and organized for class.

There will be assigned seats that will change throughout the year. When you work with a partner or in groups, you may or may not be able to choose your group. Everyone needs to learn how to work and cooperate with a wide variety of people. It's a life skill!

Assignments and Assessments

Homework will not be assigned every night. Often students will work on assignments in class that will be graded. Late work must be turned in before the end of the unit it pertains to and will not be eligible to receive full credit. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further clarification about late assignments. If there are special circumstances, please speak with me.

You are responsible for making up any missed assignments, quizzes, or projects from when you are absent. Please ask your most responsible classmates first and then me if you do not understand. Quizzes and tests are to be taken on the scheduled day. If you are absent, please speak to me to setup a time to make it up.

Make-up quizzes and tests may be taken before or after school – NOT during class. I do not want you to miss additional class instruction and learning opportunities in order to make up work that is missing due to a previous absence.

Corrections

Quiz/Test corrections are often - but not always – offered. It is based on the teacher’s discretion. When completing corrections, students should write out the entire question and then write the correct answer. Corrections must be signed by a parent/guardian. Students should turn in the teacher’s copy of the quiz/test, the original graded student quiz/test, and the corrections. Corrections earn back half credit and are due by the date assigned. Late corrections will not be accepted.

PowerSchool

I will update PowerSchool regularly, but not daily. Please discuss any discrepancies you find with me. Grades are based upon overall points – not weighted. Thus, some assignments will be worth more points than others (ex. test, projects, etc.).

Most assignments will be completed electronically and submitted on Google Classroom. Any work submitted on paper will be sent home throughout the school year to be viewed by parents/guardians.

Extra Credit

There are opportunities for Extra Credit every trimester. The Extra Credit options will be discussed the first week of school and are posted on Google Classroom.

Help

If you are struggling in class, please do not delay in asking for assistance. I am available most days before or after school. Please feel free to email me with questions.

PLEASE NOTE – Except on rare occasions, I will not check or respond to emails on the weekend or after 8:00pm on weekdays.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Student Name _____ Homeroom _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____