August 25, 2014

Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to the Drive! I hope everyone is well rested after the summer. I am excited to teach Lessons of the Vietnam War once again. This semester it will again be paired with Recent and International Relations. This is a semester elective that is offered to juniors and seniors. It is a unique class that has been very popular here in Wake County for almost twenty years now.

We will utilize primary sources that will include many guest speakers. North Carolina Vietnam Veterans Inc. has been a valuable source for this class and will be actively participating in the education process. In addition to guest speakers, we will incorporate videos, music, texts and magazines along with various ancillary materials to insure the students get the most out of this class. There will be no tests first quarter. The students are required to maintain a journal every day with detailed entries of the day’s lessons. There will also be a small research paper students will have to complete first quarter. At the end of the semester they will be required to do a power point presentation for the American History classes. This will replace their final exam, however; there will be a 100 question comprehensive assessment at the end of the semester will count as 20% of their grade . The RIR portion will consist mostly of current world event discussions once or twice a week. We will use various news sources to assist us.

Other pertinent information is as follows. All students are required to read the rules and regulations sheet and Integrity Pledge accompanying this letter and sign it. Open House is 9/18. Interims will be available 9/23 and 12/6. Written copies will only be furnished by request. All students will be required to attend 2 tutorials per quarter, 3 if your average is below a “C”. They will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays B lunch.

Again, I look forward to teaching your son/daughter the Lessons of the Vietnam War class. I will attempt to not only make it interesting and relevant, but also challenging and engaging. Thanks in advance for your support in making this a successful semester. You can contact me in the morning at 233-4096 between 7:30 and 8:30am during my planning period, or e-mail me at jbahm@wcpss.net. My website is jbahm.weebly.com

 Sincerely,

 Jim Bahm