8/25/2014

Dear parents and students,

 Welcome back to the Drive! I look forward to teaching your son/daughter Honors Sociology! This course is a Social Studies elective for juniors and seniors. It is not a required class for graduation, however; I expect that all students will be willing to work diligently to make this a successful learning experience.

 Sociology is the study of human interaction and behavior. Unlike Psychology which studies individual behavior, we will look at it from a group perspective. We will study the origins of Sociology along with the various theories regarding societal relationships and culture. Today our world is as complex as ever. Because of a changing technology that allows us to get a closer look at cultures from across the globe we can develop a deeper and more meaningful understanding and appreciation of the world. This can only be positive for students as they prepare to go to college or enter a more diverse workplace.

 Students will be expected to be on time and be prepared. Since this is an HONORS elective, disruptive behavior is not expected and will not be tolerated. A list of rules and regulations along with an academic integrity pledge will accompany this letter. Please read and sign.

 I will try to incorporate various teaching methods that include lecture, texts, activities, worksheets and research. Reading and class discussion will be an important component to the class. I expect that students will engage in meaningful discussion and ask relevant questions. After each chapter in the text, students will be given a short assessment to measure learning. They may also be responsible for a short project. Homework will consist of mainly reading and occasional written assignments. Grades will be posted on Power Schools immediately following grading. Tests will comprise 50% of grade, homework will be 15% and participation, projects, and classroom assignments will make up the remaining 35%.

 This year it will be mandatory that all students with a “C” average or better attend two tutorial sessions per quarter. Anyone with less than a “C” average will have to attend three. There will be tutorials each week with a day yet to be determined. All students will be given credit for their attendance in the form of a quiz grade.

 Open House will be on 9/18, Interims will be available on 9/23 and 12/3. Since grades are on Power School paper copies of the interim will only be furnished upon request. Again, I look forward to the school year and I am positive Honors Sociology will be a positive experience for your child. Feel free to contact me jbahm@wcpss.net or by office phone 233-4096 during my planning period 7:45-8:45. In addition other pertinent information is available at my website- jbahm.weebly.com. Thanks, for all you do as parents to ensure your child’s education is a success

 Jim Bahm

 ADHS Social Studies

Here at ADHS we have always valued academic integrity. This year we will reinforce this by following a clearly defined academic integrity policy. Teachers and students will uphold a code of conduct that will prevent cheating and plagiarism. We hope to get everyone to sign the ADHS Honor Pledge which states:

 “I PLEDGE TO BE HONEST AND FAIR. I HAVE NEITHER GIVEN NOR RECEIVED UNAUTHORIZED AID ON ANY TEST OR ASSIGNMENT.”

In our class we will adhere to the following guidelines to promote integrity:

\*STUDY AND WORK IN AN HONEST AND RESPECTABLE MANNER

\*YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR OWN WORK

\*YOU CAN WORK WITH OTHERS BUT ONLY UNDER PRESCRIBED CIRCUMSTANCES

\*DO NOT COPY SOMEONE ELSES’S ANSWERS IN OR OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

\*DO NOT SEEK UNAUTHORIZED HELP FROM THOSE OUTSIDE OF CLASSROOM

\*CITE ALL SOURCES

\*ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

\*KEEP EYES ON YOUR OWN PAPER DURING ASSESSMENTS

\*PROTECT YOUR ANSWERS

\*ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE TO BE TURNED OFF AND PUT AWAY BEFORE EACH CLASS

\*AT NO TIME SHOULD A STUDENT BE TEXTING DURING CLASS

 Rules and regulations:

BE IN SEAT WHEN BELL RINGS FOLLOW DRESS CODE

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASSROOM ONE PERSON SPEAKS AT A TIME

NO INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE RESPECT EVERYONE’S OPINIONS

REMAIN IN SEAT UNTIL DISMISSAL NEVER MAKE FUN OF ANYONE

NO TEXTING BE PREPARED TO WORK AT BELL

I have read the above. NAME (print)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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