

WELCOME BACK!

# GEOGRAPHY

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

## Classroom Expectations

1. Make sure that you are prepared for class every day! Please bring your notebook, paper, pencils/pens, textbook and highlighter with you to class.
2. Be on time! When the door is closed, you are late and you must sign in. Three tardies per nine weeks will result in a school referral.
3. Be respectful to the teacher and other students!
4. No late work will be accepted. You have 5 school days to make up school work. After 5 days the assignment becomes a "0."
5. Plagiarism results in a "0." Please review the CSAS Plagiarism policy.



## Units of Study

Over the course of the semester, we will cover 6 major units of study. Each unit will include a project and a seminar. These units include:

- United States
- Latin America
- Africa
- Middle East
- East Asia
- Russia and the Former Soviet Republics



### SUPPLIES:

- 3-RING BINDER
- 5 DIVIDERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS/PENS/PENCILS
- A LONG WAY GONE (BEAH)



### BATHROOM PRIVILEGES

Please take care of your personal needs between classes. You will have three opportunities to leave class per nine weeks. Please use your passes wisely!



### GRADES

YOUR GRADE IS BASED ON A POINT SYSTEM. HOMEWORK IS USUALLY 40-80 POINTS, AND TESTS AND PROJECTS ARE 100-200 POINTS.

## IMPORTANT DATES



August 7-First Day of School!

October 3-End of 1st Quarter

October 6-10 Fall Break

October 16-17 Conferences

December 15-18 Exams

January 8- Back to School

February 26-27 Parent Conferences

March 13- End of 3rd Quarter

March 30- April 2 Spring Break

May 14-20 Exams

## In the news...



### PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU STAY INFORMED!

The news will play an important role in the information and activities that we complete this semester. We will look at current events to help us understand the relevance of historical events. Part of our class will be devoted to becoming informed citizens of our community and the world. I encourage you and your family to watch the news or read the paper daily!

### A Special Note to Parents:

Not only should you stay informed about current events, but you also need to stay informed about your student's progress in class. All parents will be given an access code for Powerschool so that you can view your child's grades online. Please make sure that you check in frequently to make sure your child is doing his/her best! There will also be important information on the school website- [mycsas.com](http://mycsas.com). Check it out!

## Extra Help

I am happy to help any student who may need extra help. I am available on Wednesday or Thursday morning beginning at 8:15. I am also available during lunch by appointment.

The Computer Lab- You will be expected to complete research and type papers for this class. If you do not have a computer and printer, you will be responsible for finding access to one. Please check with the office to find out when the CSAS computer lab is open.

## ABSENCES

It is your responsibility to find out about make-up work. You have 5 school days to make-up assignments. If you are absent the day an assignment is due, then you must turn it in the day you return. This is also the rule for snow days. In the event of a schedule change (rotating classes, weather, etc.) your assignment is due the day we return.