

St. Pius X - 8th Grade Spanish Syllabus

! Bienvenidos a la clase de Español!

What to expect?

This year your child will begin an intensive comprehensive study of the Spanish language. My Spanish class is taught under a philosophy of "language acquisition". There is heavy emphasis on vocabulary, pronunciation and conversation. We work diligently, but have a lot of fun as well.

Our goal: acquire a working vocabulary of 2000 to 2500 words (minimum).

Emphasis: *on comprehension - the student will be able to identify items by name, tell time, weather, and engage in basic conversation, descriptions, answer questions, order in restaurants, know travel vocabulary, read literature and understand culture.*

Homework: required and assigned weekly – there will be daily online practice on vocabulary

Supplies: Each student will need the following

- A 1-2inch 3-ring binder (D ring is preferred), dividers optional
- 20-30 sheet protectors (highly recommended to prevent loss of handouts)
- blue or black ink pens, no pencil –points will be deducted after the first 2 weeks of school

Students are required to bring their binder to class every day and have a pen.

I do not assign a text book, we work directly from the vocabulary sheets and handouts given in class. If they do not have their binder in class, they will receive a demerit for "unprepared". After 3 incidents, Parent will be contacted. We will use this binder the entire year...Please *Do not lose it, it will not be replaced. There will also be binder checks throughout the year.*

*In addition to the Binder, I will provide links to interactive websites that the student can use to practice not only vocabulary, but pronunciation as well. **Be aware there will be homework every day.***

NOTE: Quizlet - student will be required to join my class online for daily practice on pronunciation and vocabulary. Often I will print the tests directly from this page so getting familiar with the lists is a great way to get an A on a test. **It is imperative that vocabulary be studied and vocalized on a daily basis.**

Evaluation: Always expect to be evaluated on the material presented in the previous class.

Grading will be based on the following:

- Weekly quizzes, homework and test scores.
- Correct spelling and grammar will be expected, so points will be deducted.
- **Participation is required:** The student will be evaluated on the ability to communicate effectively in Spanish with me, as well as, other students in the class. A percent of the student's grade is based on the initiative taken to answer questions and vocalize the answers in Spanish. The sooner a student begins to vocalize, the easier it becomes to participate in class. I always encourage you to try, everybody makes mistakes... you will too, lots of times that's how we learn.

Missed test or Late work guidelines: 1 day after due date 75% of grade earned, 2 days after due 50% of grade earned 3 days after due 25% of grade earned, after that it remains a zero unless otherwise arranged with me. It is the student's responsibility to speak with me if there is any reason the assignment will be late. I will try to give reminders when things are due, but you are responsible to turn in your assignment. If you do not follow directions on an assignment, points can also be deducted at my discretion, so ask questions, lots of questions. There will be a couple of projects this year and we will have some fun with videos, and some web-based instruction. **Never say "I have no homework". In Spanish there's always a need to practice, even if there is nothing to hand in.**

Office Hours – Tuesdays after school. If a student needs help, have them JUST ASK TO SEE ME, I WILL MAKE TIME. 😊 In the event that they do not understand the material or are struggling with a particular group of words, please do not let them wait for the night before the test. The best way to reach me is email. Weekends are my family time, please do not expect an answer right away. However, if I happen to see the email, I will answer it.

My Class Rules for students (in addition to those in the Handbook)

Respect is of utmost importance in my class, it helps you stay focused and leads to integrity.

If and when an adult enters the classroom, be it myself or other staff, you will need to stand and greet.

We will go over this in class to be sure you understand.

Always come prepared to class.

Cheating will not be tolerated – don't even try. Integrity is not something you can get back, and copying homework is also considered cheating, don't do it.

Do not ask to leave the room after my class has begun. You cannot get up, get water and/or go to the bathroom or go get your materials, etc. Bathroom break is 1st 5/last 5 minutes of class. In the event that you must go to the bathroom, a thumbs up indicates this to me and I will nod yes, without interrupting my lesson, you are expected sign out, grab a pass and return quickly to class.

Please use blue or black pen only for my assignments. Points off for pencil – no exceptions.

If you miss a test, you will receive a "M" the day of the test. You have 2 days upon your return to arrange makeup. Once the test has been taken, the grade will be replaced, otherwise it will turn into a zero. (1st trimester – I will give you reminder makeup ticket, after that you are on your own).

Everybody has a bad day, so each student will get a **YELLOW Slip – DO NOT LOSE THIS**, it is worth a re-take for 1 test. Your name will be on it, so you can't get one from a friend.

We will cover all of this on the first week of class, However, I want to make sure we have an understanding of expectations and how you should conduct yourself in my class. Please come to me if you have any questions or confusion regarding any topic we cover. Questioning is always portal to greater understanding, use it. I look forward to a great year with you, please feel free to contact me. Email works best, kmanzella@spxschool.com.

This is your first homework grade it must be turned in signed by both you and your parent – due 8/28/19

Gracias,

Sra. Kat Manzella

Student name: _____ grade / HR _____ date: _____

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____