

Syllabus

Information and Research Class 6th-8th Grade

This class is designed to equip students with the information skills and the research tools that a successful high school career requires. Beginning in 6th Grade students learn the basic concepts and the curriculum expands and builds on these concepts in the following years. Students should leave St. Pius X Catholic School able to locate, analyze, and organize information; conduct research confidently; and produce final products, such as papers and presentations, in the correct style and format.

Materials:

Students need to bring their library book, their ELA binder, and a writing utensil to class each week.

Grading:

The class grade is derived from the following:

Classwork 60%

The majority of our learning will be acquired through classwork and hands-on activities. Participation, cooperation, and preparation determine this grade.

Projects 30%

Students will complete a project each trimester. The project will be graded according to a rubric that will include project goals, parameters and effort.

Quizzes 10%

A brief quiz may be given at the end of a unit or major topic. The quiz will be announced beforehand and given in class after a thorough review of the material.

Homework

Please notice that homework is not a category. This class does not require any work to be done at home, UNLESS a student has not finished classwork due to lack of participation or has been absent and needs to catch up on a project.

Late Work/Absences:

Students are expected to keep up with classwork and projects. Appropriate time is built into assignments, and students can make use of Grace Period and additional time in the library to make up work. Due dates will only be extended in extenuating circumstances.

Students who have been absent should check-in with Mrs. Christensen upon their return to see if any classwork they missed needs to be made-up. This class meets only once a week, so missing one means missing a lot.

Late work may be penalized in accordance with the Middle School late-work policy.

Mrs. Christensen is always available for questions, help and book recommendations. Visit her in the

library or email her at hchristensen@spxschool.com.