

St. Pius X Catholic School

Syllabus for 2020-2021 School Year

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Hello, my name is Mr. William Premeaux. I am your new Social Studies teacher. I am very excited to be your teacher for this upcoming school year. History is very alive to me. I enjoy teaching it and making it as fun and exciting as possible!

American History Course Description:

Students in eighth grade will continue to build on the fourth and fifth grade introductions to North Carolina and the United States by embarking on a more rigorous study of the historical foundations and democratic principles that continue to shape our state and nation. The focus of this course will be the critical events, personalities, issues and development in the state and nation from the Pre-Revolutionary Era to Contemporary times. We will also study the relationship of geography, events, and people to the political, economic, technological, and cultural developments that shaped our existence in North Carolina and the United States over time.

Materials needed for everyday class:

- Textbook (Provided by teacher at the beginning of the year)
- Binder with loose leaf paper.
- Writing materials (pencil, pen)
- Folder
- Planner
- Rain jacket (Switching classes will involve walking outside each day)
- A beach towel / picnic blanket to sit on at lunch (Students will be eating outside each day, weather permitting)

Class expectations:

- Students will come to class each day ready to learn and are expected to pay attention.
- Students will come to class each day prepared for class. Being prepared for class means having all your materials and having them out and ready.
- Students are expected to be in their seats and prepared for class when class begins, which is when the teacher begins prayer.
- Students are expected to follow the directions that are given at the beginning of class each day.

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- Students are expected to treat teachers / adults and other students with respect. Offensive language, disrespect and hate are not acceptable in this class.
- Students are expected to follow all the classroom rules.
- Students are expected to stay in their seats always unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Students are expected to strive to find the answer. If the answer is unknown, he/she is expected to search and learn. The phrase "I don't know" is never an acceptable answer.
- Students are responsible for material that is taught in class, whether it is from the class textbook, written on the board, or a topic discussed as a class.
- If a student is absent, it is HIS/HER responsibility to get all late work from the teacher / check LMS and return it in a timely manner.

Grading Plan and Homework:

- Each student will be required to complete bellringers, projects (individual and group), class assignments, pop quizzes, and tests.
- Any work not completed during the daily lesson will be considered homework.
- Studying is not considered homework but will be required for this class.
- Students will participate in several individual/small group activities/presentations.

Discipline / Consequences:

- Warning.
- Demerit.
- Talk with the teacher after class.
- Call home.
- Detention.

Statement for Academic Dishonesty:

Academic honesty is expected in this class. Cheating will not be tolerated. Consequences may include a reduction in grade on the assignment, repeat assignment, no grade on assignment or others as deemed appropriate. Academic dishonesty will be reported to a school administrator and a parent will be notified.

I have read and understood the rules for Mr. Premeaux's class.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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