

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! The school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. My name is Rosa Clara Salazar and I will be one of the instructors for ninth grade American History. This year will be my second year teaching at St. Augustine. I am looking forward to an exciting and engaging year. As a St. Augustine graduate, this school is very dear to me and I have wonderful memories of my teachers at St. Augustine, especially my history teachers. I will do my best to make class fun, interesting and educational. Your children can prepare for a fascinating adventure. This course covers United States history from Reconstruction to the present. Names, events, and people will add flavor to a wonderful history. We will discuss political, economic, social and cultural issues within American History. This letter will cover pertinent information I feel you should know.

Classroom Discipline Plan

1. Be on time.
2. Listen and follow directions the first time they are given.
3. Be respectful. Say or do nothing that will hurt or offend another person. Use appropriate language. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
4. Be responsible. Have all books, materials and assignments here at school, completed on time. Be where you are supposed to be, when you are supposed to be there.
5. Be curious! Ask questions when you don't understand something.
6. Participate! It is not an option. It is an expectation.

Consequences

1. Warning
2. Student/Teacher Meeting
3. Call to Parents
4. Parent/Teacher Conference
5. Referral to Administration

Grading Policy

Each exam, quiz, homework assignment, current event, presentation, and group activity will be given a percentage score. Please refer to syllabus

- Exams – We will have two exams throughout the semester, midterm and final.
- Quizzes – Quizzes will be given weekly. These quizzes cover material covered in class and/or assigned as homework.
- Group Activities – Students will be graded on group activities based on content of material and participation in the classroom
- Current Events – Throughout the semester, students will be required to read a newspaper DAILY and select an article. These articles are to be summarized

and analyzed. Some will be presented to the class. I will check current event articles daily.

- Extra Credit – Please refer to the syllabus. These extra credit assignments are meant to assist students who miss group activities as well as provide a means for other students to improve their grades.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes for this year,
Rosa Clara Salazar