

Welcome to Middle School Social Studies!

Learning Materials/Other Resources

World History, Holt Publishing, 2008 (6th)

United States History, Holt Publishing, 2007 (7th & 8th)

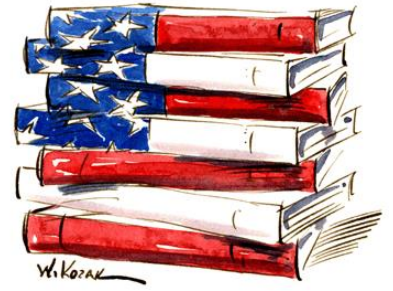
Discovery Education (6th-8th)

The History Channel: The Vault (6th-8th)

The Boys in the Boat, (8th)

Shane, (7th)

Junior Scholastic (6th-8th)



Attendance

Prompt, regular attendance is necessary for success in school. Your student's school day begins promptly at 7:45 AM. Updated daily schedules will be provided at Orientation or posted to my website for easy reference. Attendance will be taken in your first period class.

Absent Work

As per school policy, a student has two days for each day of an excused absence to hand in work for full credit. For example, if a student is absent 2 consecutive days, he or she will have 4 days to make up missing work. Therefore, your child should have ample time to make up any absent work. If your child is absent, please contact the front office. "Classroom Pages" on the school website, as well as assignments listed in Schoology under homework and the "calendar" function on the iPad will detail any missing classwork or homework assignments. Your student will have access to any missing lessons/work via his or her iPad, also. Regular attendance is critical for academic success in middle school. Consistent with school policy, excessive or unexcused absences may result in reduced grades.

Homework

Homework will be assigned most days. Homework is an essential part of your child's academic development. The goal for homework is to ease your child into working through assignments and activities as independently as possible, as well as provide the necessary "practice" for subject mastery.

Late Work

Work is considered late if it is not turned in as specified in Schoology. However, late work is better than no work! Late work will be accepted; however, a 20% penalty will be assessed. Please remind your child how important it is to turn in his or her work, completed and on time, to promote academic and "life" success.

Grading Policy

Grades will be posted to RenWeb as quickly as possible to promote timely feedback, "content" understanding, and ensure necessary support is directed when needed. If there is a question regarding a grade on a test, quiz, class or homework assignment, please have your student bring it to my attention. Please help your student be accountable for his/her grades and learn to embrace initiative as it relates to academic and "life" success.

Dismissal

Thank you for following Saint John's dismissal policy. Dismissal for your student will be at 3:05 pm. On Fridays, students will be dismissed at 12:40 pm. Please check the school calendar for designated noon dismissal days; students will be dismissed at 12:10 on those days. First and foremost, your child's safety is our chief concern. Please adhere to the dismissal policy as outlined in the student handbook. Thank you for your patience and commitment to students' safety and welfare!

Looking forward to celebrating the new school year with you and your student! God Bless!
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