CIVICS

***Mrs. Pietrantonio – D1***

# Classroom Rules

* **Be in Your Assigned Seat when Bell Rings**
* **Follow Directions**
  + Do task immediately without a second reminder.
  + Check assignment board daily.
  + Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
* **Come to Class Prepared Everyday**
  + Have a pen/pencil & paper ready before class begins.
  + Have all books needed.
  + Have homework ready to be graded.
  + Be ready to be called upon to participate daily.
* **Respect Others**
  + Have something nice to say, or say nothing at all!
  + Remember: treat others like you would like to be treated!

# Absences

* YOU are responsible for getting the assignments and arranging the time to take tests that you missed/will miss when you are gone.
* If an **anticipated absence** (sport event, doctors appointment, class trip, etc…) comes on the day an assignment is due, you must turn the assignment in **BEFORE** its due date or have a friend turn it in for you on its due date. Contact me in **ADVANCE** for the assignments that you will miss while gone. You will NOT be permitted to make-up work after the absence. Tests/Quizzes must be taken in **ADVANCE** or you will receive a ZERO.
* In the case of an excused absence (sickness, death in the family, etc…), you will have one day for each day you are absent to finish the assignment before it becomes LATE. **You must make-up Tests/Quizzes within the number of days you were absent.**
* If your absence is unexcused, you will lose ALL the points for that assignment/test/quiz due on that day.
* Late assignments may be turned in up to ONE (1) day late BEFORE CLASS for 50% of the points (Except Papers-NO LATE PAPERS).

# Expected Conduct & Procedures

* + Learning will take place in this classroom and in order to ensure that, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
  + Test will be posted on the assignment board for at least a week prior to the test date. They will also be posted on my webpage weekly. If you are absent during that week but are still present on the day of the test, you will be required to take the test that day.
  + Pop quizzes will be given regularly.
  + I DO NOT ACCEPT E-MAILED PAPERS/ASSIGNMENTS.
  + Come to class prepared. You must bring your notebook and a writing utensil daily (ink pen) or face disciplinary action.
  + Take notes on important information, especially information placed on the overhead projector or board. You are required to have a folder to store class materials/notes.
  + Questions and comments should be appropriate.
  + Read all assigned materials before class and be prepared to answer questions on that material during class. Come to class ready to learn and expect to be randomly called upon.
  + You must **READ** and **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**. You will not get a grade for work done improperly because you did not follow directions.
  + The teacher’s desk is off limits to all students, at all times.
  + Dismissal is by the teacher, not the bell. Remain seated until the teacher dismisses you.
  + **Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating or attempting to cheat will receive a zero and face disciplinary action.**
  + If you talk during a test (including vocabulary) you will receive a ZERO!!!!
  + MAKE-UP work is **your responsibility.**

**Course Outline & Pacing Guide:**

Unit 1 - Chap 1 “Principles of Government 2 weeks

Chap 2 “Origins of American Government” 2 weeks

Chap 3 “The American Constitution” 2 weeks

Unit 3 - Chap 10,11,12 “The Legislative Branch” 2 weeks

Unit 4 - Chap 13,14 “The Executive Branch” 2 weeks

Unit 5 - Chap 18,19 “The Judicial Branch” 2 weeks

Unit 7 - Chap 24,25 “State and Local Government” 2 weeks

Unit 4 - Chap 16 “Financing the Government” 1 week

PROJECT 1 week

Exam Review & Exam 1 week

**Course Requirement:**

Every student is required, over the course of the semester, to complete an observation packet to be turned in at the end of the semester. The observations require you to attend one City Council meeting, one County Commission meeting and one School Board meeting. Also included in the packet is a minimum of two hours of volunteer service in the community. The packet is a total of 100 points toward your 2nd quarter grade.

**Web Page**

* General information can be found on Iron Mountain Public Schools teacher web pages as well as useful links.
* Weekly class plans will be posted on my webpage.

## **Assignments**

* Reading activities will have a writing assignment that follows.
* Grammar will be addressed throughout the year, as needed.
* No **INCOMPLETE** assignments will be accepted. If an assignment is incomplete, you will receive a zero for that assignment.
* All projects are a Michigan Merit course/credit requirement.

# Grading

* You will be given one grade each marking period worth twenty (20) points for participation. Participation includes individual and group involvement.
* Grades are earned not given. You **may** have an opportunity for extra credit but don’t expect it!

# Grading Scale

A … 100 – 93 B- … 82-80 D+ … 69 – 67

A- … 92 – 90 C+ … 79 – 77 D … 66 – 63

B+ … 89 – 87 C … 76 – 73 D- … 62 – 60

B … 86 – 83 C- … 72 – 70 F … Below 60