**S O C I O L O G Y**

Mrs. Pietrantonio – Room 308

**Sociology** – the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society; the study of social problems.

# 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, doctor’s 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 3% of your grade for each unexcused at the end of the trimester.
* Tardiness – You will receive Saturday school on your third tardy and one thereafter for each SEMESTER.

# 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.
  + You will be expected to take care of bathroom issues between classes, do not ask to go to the bathroom excessively. You must ask
  + Test will be posted on the assignment board for at least a week prior to the test date. 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.
  + 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.
  + **No e-mailed assignments will be accepted**.
  + 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.
  + Phones and devices may be used when instructed to do so. DO NOT take pictures or videos in the classroom. You must keep them under your desk unless otherwise instructed. Failure to do so, will result in your phone being collected & turned into the office.
  + 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 you will receive a ZERO!!!!
  + MAKE-UP work is your responsibility.

**Course Textbook:**

* *Sociology, The Study of Human Relationships* by Holt McDougal

**Course Outline/Pacing Guide:**

* Unit 1: Culture & Social Structure (4 Weeks)
* Unit 2: The Individual in Society (3 Weeks)
* Unit 3: Social Inequality (4 Weeks)
* Unit 4: Social Institutions (3 Weeks)
* Project Presentation (4 Weeks)

**Course Requirements:**

* **Speech:** This will be a main component of the class. All students are required to do several speeches throughout the course.
* **Main Project/Presentation:** Students will be working on a main project throughout the course. You will be picking a social problem and include the following in your project:
* Guest Speaker (on a separate day than your presentation)
* Causes/Solutions to your problem
* Minimum of 3 agencies/groups helping with that problem & their effectiveness
* Research/Data Collection
* Written Portion
* Recommendation of social policy to improve social problem
* Verbal Portion (20-minute minimum)

# 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