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Jackie Zeller, Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your student to the 2009-2010 school year! My name is Craig Rose and I will serve as your student's teacher for U.S. Government and Economics (12th grade) class, or as Yearbook Advisor. The goal of this letter is to offer you a glimpse into what your student will be doing this semester. All of the subjects being taught rely heavily on class participation, attendance, and a willingness to work in cooperative groups.

From understanding the origins of democracy, to knowing why gas prices behave as they do, the topics we will explore are geared to speak to your student in a way that he/she will not only find relevant, but also valuable for their future.

In order for your student to gain as much out of his/her class as possible, I am providing you with a brief list of my expectations.

1. The most critical impact to student grades is poor attendance. If your student is habitually absent or tardy it is virtually impossible to pass his/her class. Should there be difficulties related to attendance and punctuality, expect to hear from me, or by all means, contact me immediately so that we may form a plan of action to resolve the issue.
2. All of my classes are built on a single principle – **respect** – that allows for every student to express their opinions and beliefs without fear of ridicule from their peers. Their classroom is a safe place in which they should feel free to offer their views on any pertinent topic that is considered.
3. Technology is a critical part of this class, as it serves as one of the key sources of information necessary for research and creation of various projects. Should there be any difficulty in accessing an Internet linked computer, please advise me as soon as possible. Lincoln High School has an abundance of available computers for student use.
4. While technology is essential to this class, it can also be a distraction. The presence of cell phones, iPods, and any other electronic device tends to derail class as it is confiscated and turned-in to Student Services. Please encourage your students to keep their personal electronic devices out-of-sight during their time in class.
5. All students are expected to come to class with a full-size, three-subject, wire-bound notebook (specific to this class) that will be used throughout the semester. This notebook, combined with their textbook, will also serve as a study guide for quizzes and tests.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments that you may have. I can be reached in several ways:

- email: Craig_Rose@sjusd.org or craigallynrose@gmail.com
- phone: 408.535.6300 ext. 355 (school) or 408.772.7279 (mobile)
- class web site: <http://www.emergencyphoto.com/socialstudies/index.htm>

Finally, if you would be so kind as to confirm receipt of this letter by signing and dating in the space provided, and having your student return the letter no later than one week from receipt.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Sincerely,

Craig Rose
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