

August 2014,

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year and an exciting one for your child and yourselves. Whether your child is a 7th grader entering Junior High School or an 8th grader graduating Junior High School, your child's education will only be enriched if you are involved. Make sure that your child is getting sufficient sleep every night, for adolescents this means eight to ten hours nightly. Every morning, your child must eat breakfast: a toast, yogurt, fresh fruit, etc. Rest and nutrition prepares the mind to learn. In addition, make sure your child arrives to school on time. At home, ask your child not only what s/he learned but how s/he learned it. Do not be satisfied with an "I did not learn anything" or "school was ok" respond. Check their agenda constantly; make sure they have all the supply they need and that they are completing their assignments, if they are having trouble with any assignment encourage them to seek help. Visit your child's teachers as much as you can and provide adequate positive reinforcement when appropriate.

To the student, I look forward to being your teacher and guide you on your path to educational excellence. We will learn from many different aspects of the humanities. At times, you might feel that your values and/or beliefs are being challenge. Let me assure you that you will always be respected for who you are and what you value and believe. But if you see that somebody else's views of life differs from yours, make an attempt to learn why this is so, you don't have to agree, but try to understand. In other words, agree to disagree. This will prepare you to work in a diverse world.

Parents, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or the syllabus, feel free to contact me.

By signing below I indicate that I have read the welcome letter and the syllabus and understand what is expected of me as a parent and of my child.

Student's name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent's name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____