

A Letter to Students and Parents/Guardians

August 10, 2020, 9:00 pm

Dear Students and Parents and or Guardians,

It is my great honor to welcome you all to the 2020 – 2021 school year! This is a general letter to deliver some information about me and a few other things as we move ever closer to the first day of school on Wednesday. As teachers, we have been working to get all of our systems up and running. Our district tech support is working so hard to make sure we will be ready when we go live that morning. I imagine that you and your families are also doing all you can to prepare yourselves for the challenges that we are facing. Thank you for your efforts.

With that in mind, I thought I would give you some tips on getting ready for my classes as the week progresses. To get started, I ask that you look to my district teacher website <https://www.fcusd.org/Domain/2171> for any information you need to get going. For instance, I have created Remind 101 classes for both AP and World Cultures. Unfortunately, I am running into some roadblocks with Google Classroom, but I will provide class codes as soon as it is back up. It should be tomorrow. The district is working on getting our Microsoft Teams capabilities synced and that should be up tomorrow as well. Everything you will need to get started will be on my teacher site as it becomes available. Once everything is operating effectively I will rely on Classroom and Teams as my primary sources of communication.

Whether it is AP, GPS World Cultures or World Cultures, this week will be as follows:

Wednesday, August 12, 2020:

- Take Attendance
- Quick Introductions
- Quick Q&A (we only have 20 minutes)

Thursday, August 13, 2020 and Friday, August 14, 2020

- Take Attendance and Continued Introductions
- Review Course Expectations (I will post them in Classroom and Teams as soon as everything is ready to go)
- Describe Course Material and Topics for the School Year

This situation that we find ourselves is unprecedented. I am determined to cover as much material as possible throughout the year, but we need to be prepared for some trial and error. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your feedback at any time. This is my tenth year as a Bulldog and I could not be more proud of the collective efforts of our teaching staff, administrators, and support staff to make this year a success. We are going to do this together.

If you have any questions between now and Wednesday morning, please contact me via email or through the Remind accounts. Have a great Tuesday!

Kindly,
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