

# Civics and Economics Parent Info

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year! I am excited for what this semester will bring and to get to know your student! This is my second year at South Meck and my 4th in CMS. I believe that all students can learn and I try to offer as many outlets as possible for understanding and reflecting on our learning experiences. Civics and Economics is a very important class as it can help to make your student a well rounded, informed, and productive citizen in the future!

During the semester, we will discuss the government, civic engagement, the US and Global economies, as well as Personal Financial Literacy! This is quite the exciting semester too as we are in the midst of election season! Keep talking with your student about politics, economics, or even your own budget, and see what they have learned or if they recognize any of their new knowledge in the news and real world!

**Notebooks**— We use Interactive Notebooks to help with organization and keeping information together. If you ever have questions, ask to see your student's notebook to see what they are learning and if they are keeping up with assignments!

**Homework**— Much of what we do is discussion based. "Homework" will be limited to keeping up with the news and current events, as well as staying on top of any on going performance tasks.

**Performance Tasks**— I will be including 4-5 projects over the course of the semester. Your student actually has one due tomorrow! It is called Project Instagram, and it is a chance for the students to showcase what they know and think currently about our communities, society as a whole, and the American Dream! I will assign Performance Tasks early on in a Unit, giving students more than 2 weeks to complete all assignments. Bigger performance tasks will have more time set aside.

**Tests**— I will offer retest opportunities for any grades below a 80, with a maximum retest grade of 89. If your student earned higher than an 80 but would like to re-test I will allow them to also retest for full credit! Re-tests MUST be scheduled **by the student** afterschool with me.

**Make Up work**— Students are aware that they are responsible for picking up ALL make up work. Make Up notes and assignments will be kept in folders for the current week and a binder for anything older. If a student is absent, again they are responsible for picking up missed assignments and scheduling a time to get caught up with notes and their notebook!

**If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me!**

**I look forward to working with you and your student! Go Sabres!**

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