

**AP SPANISH
SPRING SEMESTER 2008
COURSE INFORMATION**

Course Title: AP Spanish Language
Course Number: 60.0770740
Term: Spring 2008
Period: 8
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS:

AP Spanish Language is a course designed for the highly motivated fourth and fifth-year student and will be taught entirely in Spanish. You will gain proficiency in speaking, reading, writing and listening in this language. This course is a rigorous college level program designed to prepare you for the AP Spanish Language Examination offered each May by the College Board. You can earn up to 6 hours of college credit with successful completion of the exam, usually with a grade of “3” or above. At the end of this course, you are expected to be able to (1) **comprehend** formal and informal Spanish, (2) **speak** with a moderate degree of fluency, (3) **read** a variety of texts and (4) **write** a cogent, sophisticated composition in Spanish at the third-year college level.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Texts: *Abriendo Puertas: Lenguaje, Judy Armen, McDougal Littell*
Triángulo A Propósito, Barbara Gatski & John McMullan, Cuarta edición

A hardcover binder and a composition notebook for journal writing are required.

MATERIAL TO BE COVERED:

All chapters from both texts plus additional readings, articles, or practice exercises provided by the teacher to prepare students for the AP Spanish Language Exam.

TESTING:

Tests will be administered after each unit according to the testing calendar. Test dates will be announced at least 1 week in advance. Quizzes may or may not be announced.

GRADING:	Major tests	40%
	Quizzes/compositions	10%
	Essays	20%
	Homework	10%
	Final Exam	20%

COMMENTS:

Extensive vocabulary development is imperative in this course. Frequent quizzes will evaluate your progress. **ALL** vocabularies should be studied on a daily, cumulative basis in order to prepare for review words and major tests. **NOT** all words from the lists will appear on the quizzes; however, students must learn all the words equally well since they will not know which ones will appear on the quiz or test. Students will be required to do outside readings as well as prepare to read and participate in discussions of reading assignments. We will also be doing many listening and speaking exercises.

If students are absent the day before a test, they are responsible for taking the test on the announced date, with the rest of the class, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. If they miss class the day of an announced test they must take it the day they return.

It is the responsibility of the student to contact the teacher (in person or by e-mail at espinosa@spx.org) for make-up work, arrangements to take tests and quizzes after extended absences, etc. A grade of "0" will be entered for all missed assignments, tests, or quizzes. The student must arrange with the teacher and follow thru in order to clear the "0". All students and parents will have the ability to check grades throughout the semesters via Netclassroom. Detailed instructions and information regarding passwords, scheduled grade posting dates and access will be provided by the Dean of Academics office. **Teachers are required to post grades by certain dates and at no other time.**

CLASSROOM RULES:

1. Students will be seated with ALL materials ready when the bell rings.
2. Students should not expect to be allowed to return to their lockers for materials.
3. Students will be dismissed by the teacher not the bell.
4. Be courteous to teachers, fellow students, speakers, etc. at all times.

AP Spanish Honor Code
Use of Spanish/English online dictionaries:

Students are allowed and encouraged to use dictionaries online such as www.diccionarios.com or http://education.yahoo.com/reference/dict_en_es/ and other translating services to assist them during the school year. However, students must remember that the use of these online services is limited solely to translation of **individual words**. Any use of these services to translate sentences, paragraphs or any series of words is plagiarism. If I discern that plagiarism has been committed, student will be referred to the honor council. The above also applies to such aid received from tutors / parents / friends etc.

I have read and understood the "Use of Spanish/English online dictionaries" and understand how these services should be used:

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

ST. PIUS HONOR CODE

I pledge on my honor that I shall abide by the rules and uphold the ideals of St. Pius X Catholic High School and the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. I will protect my good name and that of my school and see that others do the same.

Honesty and integrity are expected of all students at all times. Cheating, plagiarism, lying, stealing, and damage or destruction of any property will be dealt with a severe manner.

I will consistently demonstrate in my life justice and will not treat others with cruelty, contempt, or disrespect.

I will not tolerate, and will report, any infraction of the Honor Code by myself or any other member of the St. Pius community.

By signing this page, you are declaring an understanding and intention to abide by these Honor Codes.

(Please detach below and return to teacher by the specified date)

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I _____, have read the Course Information Sheet and understand what I must do in class. I also agree to cooperate and comply with the requirements stated.

Student's signature _____

Date _____

Student's email address:

Parent's signature _____

Date _____

Parent's email address: