

SMALLER Learning Communities (SLC): SVHS is a SLC school, which means that students are placed in one of four houses named D, O, N, or S. Your child is a member of the N House which adheres to the following mission, core values and expectations:

- **N HOUSE MISSION:** Students will strive to successfully pass core classes (with a “C” or better) and pursue personal growth goals in a supportive and collaborative community.
- **N HOUSE CORE VALUES:** Embrace Change Face Challenges Seek Growth
- **N HOUSE EXPECTATIONS:** Be Present Be Committed Be Courageous

CONSEQUENCES: Students who choose to not follow any of the above guidelines will be given any of the following consequences depending on the severity, frequency, and/or nature of the violation:

1. Warning
2. Phone call home
3. Sent outside for a “Time to Refocus”
4. Loss of Participation Points
5. N House Behavior Contract & meeting w/ all House Teachers and parents
6. Referral to Guidance Office
7. Suspension from class

GRADING POLICY: Your child’s overall grade will be calculated using the weighted scale below:

Classwork/Homework (Notebook and Stamps) will account for **45 %** of overall grade

Assessments (Exams, quizzes, and projects) will account for **45%** of overall grade

Citizenship & Participation will account for **10%** of overall grade

The overall percentage earned will then be converted into a letter grade using the scale below:

100-90%.....A 89-80%B 79-70%.....C 69-59%.....D 58%-Below.....F

Monitoring Grades: Parents and students can monitor grades at any time by logging onto the *Illuminate Grade Book* website. Instructions on how to access the grade book will be sent home shortly.

***Recommendation for Advanced Placement US History:** If your child is interested in a recommendation from me for Advanced Placement US History in the 11th grade, he/she must meet the requirements below:

- Earn a class grade of a “B” or higher both semesters
- Maintain a “C” average or higher on exams.

ABSENT LATE/MAKE-UP POLICY: If your child is absent, it is his/her responsibility to ask for the missed work and turn it in within 2 days upon his/her return. If your child is going to be absent on a day that their notebook is due it is his/her responsibilities to turn it in beforehand, send it with a friend, place it in my mailbox or make other arrangements with me. If your child is absent for an exam or quiz he/she has 3 days to make it up before school or during lunch. The amount of homework given will vary by unit, but will typically be assigned 3-5 times a week. You can log onto my website for class information, forms and unit assignments at: www.castilloworldhistory.com

***SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN NOTIFIED BY A PARENT BY PHONE OR IN PERSON!**

TUTORING SUPPORT: If you and/or your child feel that additional help is needed to succeed in history, I will be available during lunch for tutoring. The schedule will be posted weekly at www.castilloworldhistory.com and on my classroom board.

I am here to serve the needs of your child and parental involvement is essential for your child’s success. Feel free to contact me regarding any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress. The best time to get in direct contact with me is from 11:20 am – 12:20 pm. You can call and/or leave me a voicemail at (626) 960-7741, EXT 2216 (I usually return calls within 24 hours) OR email me at acastillo654@bpusd.net.

Sincerely,

Ms. Araceli Castillo-Parrales ☺

10th Grade World History/Culture/Geography - Ms. Araceli Castillo-Parrales

**PLEASE RETAIN THE TOP SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS AND
RETURN THIS ONE WITH YOUR CHILD**

Student's Name (Please Print)

Period

I have read through this letter and I understand that:

- ✓ *World History is a course my child must take and pass in order to graduate from high school and be admitted into a 4-yr university.*
- ✓ *My child will receive instruction that is aligned with the CA State Content Standards for 10th Grade World History.*
- ✓ *My child will need to check out a textbook and obtain a spiral notebook, 2-3 highlighters, glue, a red or green pen and post-it notes.*
- ✓ *My child's grade will be calculated using the weighted scale explained in this letter.*
- ✓ *In order for my child to be successful in Ms. Castillo-Parrales's history class he/she must follow the academic policies and class expectations outlined in this letter.*

Print Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Primary language spoken by parent/guardian: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number (Cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

(OPTIONAL) Please feel free to write any concerns or comments you may have about my class and/or your child in the space below. I will get in touch with you as soon as I can. Thank you.

