**7th grade CIVICS, Mr. Steve Bienkowski**

Howdy, and welcome aboard!!!

Civics is the study of citizenship and government.

**NEED**: planner, notebook, paper, pen, pencil, folder. Have these items **EVERY DAY** and **ALL YEAR LONG**.

**TEXTBOOK**: I will not give you a copy unless you ASK FOR ONE. The book is online, on Classlink. Look for the McGraw Hill electronic textbooks, our book is **CIVICS: ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY**.

**GRADES**: About half of the grade will come from **WEEKLY CLASSWORK**, to be done in class. It becomes **HOMEWORK** if not completed. The rest of the grade will come from **WEEKLY QUIZZES** and end of grading period TESTS and semester EXAMS.

**HOMEWORK**: None, if **CLASSWORK IS DONE IN CLASS**.

**LATE WORK**: **I’ll take work for full credit any time until the grade book closes**.

CONTACT: My lessons, study guides, and all course info will be on **PLANBOOK** (find on school website and Classlink). All this and more can also be found on my **website** (<https://mrbienkowskicivics.weebly.com>). Join me on **REMIND** by texting 81010 the message @hobbsmi. I will send out information and reminders on REMIND. Email me **ANY TIME** (Bienkowskis@santarosa.k12.fl.us) or call the front office to set up a meeting!

EOC: This course has a state-required **END OF COURSE** exam. Typically done in May, **it will be 30% of a student’s final grade**, and it must be passed to attend high school. I will talk about this A LOT with your students. I have information on this test (and study guides) posted on my website and Planbook. TAKE A LOOK!

Classroom management

All students need a controlled, professional, and safe learning environment. I will go over detailed classroom procedures with all students. In cases of misbehavior that disrupt the class or impacts safety, I will work through the following as I deem appropriate:

1. Redirect the student to appropriate behavior verbally.
2. Have a private conference with the student to discuss proper behavior.
3. Direct the student to complete a writing assignment. This will typically be to copy the Bill of Rights in its entirety (First 10 Amendments to the Constitution). It can be found on page 158 of our text or online. It shall be signed by a parent or guardian and returned next class.
4. All incomplete writing assignments will be doubled and referred to the Dean of Students.
5. I will call or request a parent conference for repeated behavior issues, or any issue I judge to be a significant disruption or Code of Conduct violation.

I will use referrals for repeated behavior issues, or immediately in any case I judge to be serious enough for an immediate referral. This will include any significant Code of Conduct violations.