

**Course:** 4th Hour Focus-Current Events

**Instructor:** Maggie Mangas

**Planning Period:** 12:48-1:28

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Feel free to contact me during my plan period with any questions or concerns you may have. I am also available by email or phone. The school phone number is (316)-777-2022.

**Daily Classroom Supplies:**

- Binder or notebook with paper
- Pen
- Pencil
- Chromebook
- Agenda

**Course Objectives:** This class is designed to provide students with the opportunity to discuss, understand, and explore local, national, and global issues in a respectful, meaningful, and interactive way. Throughout this quarter, students will stay up to date on current issues and trends. Students will learn to identify the differences between factual and trustworthy news sources versus inaccurate and unreliable news sources, as well as how to identify bias in news reporting. Because the subject of this class is “current events”, topics will vary considerably depending on the current news cycle. Students will be challenged to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the current happenings in the world today.

**Course Description:** Students will gain knowledge about recent events locally and within the state, throughout our country, and globally through group and individual investigation and research.

**Textbook/Resources/Topics:** No textbooks will be issued to students for this class. Materials for discussion will come from a wide variety of sources. Topics will include: local, national, and international events during the time period we are in class together.

**Homework and Assignments Policy:** All homework and assignments will be due when I call for them. Assignments should be neat and legible or they will receive no credit. (I reserve the right to make specific exceptions on late work in emergency situations.)

**Evaluation Process:** Grades include daily assignments, bell work, class projects, quizzes, activities, and participation in class activities.

**Extra Credit:** There will be some extra credit points built into certain assignments. It will be up to the individual student to take advantage of these opportunities when they are given. Extra credit will not be given to students who come at the end of a grading period looking for more points.

**Cheating:** If a student is caught cheating, he/she will receive a **zero** on the assignment and a parent/guardian will be notified. Some examples of cheating include:

- Using another students' work to complete your own-in this instance *both* students will receive a zero
- Using notes or cheat sheet on a quiz or test

**Make-up work and Absences:** If a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to check with me to find out what work they may have missed. Please be sure to read the policy in the student handbook on make-up work. This is the policy that will be followed. Good attendance is crucial to be successful in this class. Each day we will build on information from previous weeks and days. Regular attendance is a must!

**Additional Help:** If a student needs help outside of class, please let me know as soon as possible! I am available certain times both before and after school, and am more than willing to work with different schedules. If there are questions or problems on a specific assignment, project, or topic, don't wait until the assignment is due to ask for help.

**Classroom Rules:** The school-wide rules will be followed throughout this building, including my classroom. My classroom rules include:

- Be on time to class
- Come prepared each day
- Be respectful of others, yourself, and the teacher
- Have a positive attitude

I have read the course syllabus and understand what is expected of my child. For remembering to have a parent's signature, my child has earned his/her first 10 points for Current Events. If I need a copy of this syllabus, I can find a link on Miss Mangas' teacher webpage.

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

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Student's Signature

I look forward to an awesome quarter with you!

*Miss Mangas*