

January 27, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am excited at the opportunity to have your student in our class this semester. AP Psychology provides students with a challenging and engaging curriculum and allows students the opportunity to experience a college-style atmosphere while in high school. Studies indicate that students who have taken AP courses in high school tend to not only outperform their peers in college, but also have a lower college drop-out rate.

Please take a moment to visit the Electronic Syllabus for this course. It contains pertinent information that is important to student success in this course. Please sign this sheet below and return it with your student tomorrow. In fact, it is their first homework assignment and must be turned in tomorrow, January 28, 2016! **PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE SHEET.**

In short, the following information is of particular importance:

1. Homework policies and the policy regarding work that is late.
2. Unit review guides and their importance to quizzes and unit exams.
3. Attendance suggestions and tardy policies

I am available for questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me should the need arise. **The best way to contact me is via e-mail.** E-mails allow for me to reply quickly. Generally, however, I return phone calls within one or two days of a message. My phone number and e-mail address are listed below.

PLEASE NOTE:

AVOID THE MAY 7, 2015, SAT EXAM DATE! We have found that many families that wish for their students to take the SAT or the SATII exams in May find their students in a difficult situation. Many take multiple AP subjects and wish to take their exams, but they also may wish to enroll in SAT preparation courses, typically held on Saturdays. This conflicts with AP Psychology review sessions, which are held on Saturday afternoons through April 30, 2016. Another SAT date is held in June.

Please also note that weekly homework agendas can be accessed on the AP Psychology website at <http://markvanover.weebly.com>.

I have included a space below for you to note your e-mail address. I have found that e-mail certainly makes communication with parents MUCH easier.

Again, I am excited that your student is in this course and am looking forward to an extremely productive and exciting school year.

Respectfully,

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I have read and understand the course policies and syllabus for AP Psychology.

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Student Name (Print)	Class Period
_____	_____
Student Signature	Date
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Parent Signature	Date

****Parent**** E-mail address: _____

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