

Bridgeport Catholic Academy History Syllabus for T. Rost

Daily Communication: I present my assignments and communication on Google Classroom every day at the time the student would normally be in class.

7th Grade at 8:00 AM

8th Grade at 8:45 AM

6th Grade at 9:30 AM

5th Grade at 1:45 PM

I am available for email correspondence on student attendance days generally from about 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM within a few minutes of a student/parent request. After 3:00 PM I usually respond to correspondence within the hour up until 9:00 PM. On student non-attendance days and the week end I try to respond within an hour or two.

Scoring and Grades: All work is scored in the following manner;

Homework: 17%

Quizzes 33%

Tests 50%

Homework is generally assigned most days and in the current school arrangement it is requested within 24 hours of being assigned. For 7th grade that would mean it is due at 8 a.m. the day after it was assigned. For 5th grade it means it is due at 1:45 the day after being assigned, etc. I am requesting that all homework be turned in as an email.

Quizzes are generally assigned about ½ way through the current unit of study. I will be assigning quizzes to be completed on Kahoot. What has worked to date has been to give the Kahoot code on Google Classroom at the time the class is scheduled to meet. The Kahoot is then left open for 90 minutes for the student to complete the quiz. Each question in the Kahoot is also timed, usually at 20 seconds per question. (The feedback I've received in the Kahoot reports indicates that students generally answer in about 6 seconds on average.) If your child chooses, I can also call them on the phone and orally read the questions to them. I will generally ask students if they want this option about 3 to 4 days before a quiz or test and all they need to do is email me with the number and I will call them the day of the quiz.

Tests are handled the same way as quizzes and they are at the end of the current unit of study.

Power School grading is updated usually within 3 to 5 days of receiving assignments. This allows time for all students to turn in assignments and me to grade the assignments. I keep a separate paper gradebook to keep assignments in order.

Video Conferencing: I will be using Zoom for video conferencing with small groups of students on a weekly basis. Your child's attendance on these video conferences is encouraged even if they don't have questions, they may learn something from another child's question. I also use these conference times for test and quiz preparation. Your child will be invited to the conference time via Google Classroom, separate from the daily assignment communication.

Technical connection: As mentioned earlier I will be using Google Classroom to assign daily assignments and for group messaging. I will also be available for individual questions and contacts via email, and I am requesting that all assignment be turned in via email. Zoom will be the medium I use for video conferencing with students and I will try to get them their invitation at least 24 hours before the meeting time.