



Spanish
Señorita Marver
Academic School Year 2021-2022

Bienvenidos to Middle School Español!

I look forward to building a classroom in which we can grow in knowledge about the Spanish language, Hispanic culture, and our Lord. I know each of you will bring a unique perspective and I expect all of you to respect each other's perspectives, thoughts, and characters.

Class Unit Outline: We use the textbook, *Español Santillana* to guide us through the year.

- 6th: Unidad 1 - Identifying and describing people, places and things; Understanding how to use adjectives; Working with common verbs SER, ESTAR, TENER; Exploring Mexican culture and history; Reciting common prayers
- 7th: Unidad 2 - Express existence and location from the home to another country; Knowing when to use gendered articles and nouns; Understanding how to conjugate -ar ending verbs; Exploring Puerto Rican culture and history; Reciting common prayers
- 8th: Unidad 3/4 - Describing clothing; Learning food and food related terms and phrases; Understanding how to conjugate -er ending and irregular verbs; Working with the verb GUSTAR; Using comparatives; Exploring Guatemalan and Peruvian culture and history; Reciting common prayers

Homeroom:

- **Attendance:** Every morning, please come to your seat right away, so I can take attendance for the office. If you know you are going to be gone, please have your parents contact the office.
- **Hot/Cold Lunch:** Please let me know if you will be taking hot lunch!
- **Cellphones:** Middle school students may bring cell phones/smart watches provided they are brought to their homeroom and deposited phone holders at the front of the classroom. Students who keep their cell phones in any other spot will be subject to the Notre Dame Behavior Code, and parents will need to pick up the cell phone personally.

Dress Code Violation: Parents and students are expected to abide by this uniform/dress code policy. When in doubt, ask for clarification from the administration. If a student has violated the dress code, they will be asked to call home to ask for appropriate clothes or be supplied with clothes from the uniform closet.

Classroom Expectations:

1. **Be Kind.**
2. **Try Your Best.**
3. **Speak Spanish.**
4. **Be Responsible.**
5. **Listen to Teacher and Peers.**



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Bathroom/Water Breaks: If you should need to go to the bathroom or fill up your water bottle, please ask me before you leave the classroom. **You must also use the pass in your assignment notebook.** I prefer that you use the bathroom at the beginning of class, during work time, or at the end of the hour. Please plan accordingly and use your hallway time appropriately.

Google Classroom: We will be using Google Classroom in our class. Students will access materials used in-class or at home, turn-in their assignments, and complete certain assessments on this platform.

Link and Code:

6th - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgzNTkwMDkxODEz?cjc=i3jhl4vi3jhl4v>

7th - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgzNTkwMDkxODIi?cjc=szarony>

8th - <https://classroom.google.com/c/MzgzNTkwMDkxODM4?cjc=m2ov5zlm2ov5zl>

My Homework App: myHomework is a digital student planner that all Notre Dame Middle School teachers will be using this year. It lets you easily track your classes, homework, tests and projects so you never forget an assignment again! myHomework is available on multiple platforms, so you can always know what's due wherever you are. You can find the myHomework app on the iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows 8, Kindle Fire and the Web.

Link:

6th - <https://teachers.io/c/ET6Mr6rX9UA7S>

7th - <https://teachers.io/c/QZ8Wq6Qq7TI8x>

8th - <https://teachers.io/c/PN6d94dk7ip4E>

Classroom Library: We have a modest library with Spanish and Bilingual children's books. Students are more than welcome to read a book as they return it back in the condition they found it before leaving class. If a student damaged or did not return it, I will ask him or her to replace the book.



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Grading Policy:

I believe students learn best from doing and being engaged. With a foreign language, it is best learned through opportunities that allow students to interact with the language through speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Because of this, small skits, brief readings, culturally relevant crafts, and group activities will be common. Therefore, participation is key in this class if you want to succeed! There will be some small quizzes over certain language concepts. However, a larger portion of their grade is reflected by end of chapter tests and the end of the year Unit test. Usually, students should expect to see at least one grade posted each week.

The GRACE System has instituted the following Grading Scale for middle school:

A+ 99% - 100%	C+ 83% - 84%	P 68%
A 95% - 98%	C 79% - 82%	U 65% - 67%
A- 93% - 94%	C- 77% - 78%	F 1% - 64%
B+ 91% - 92%	D+ 75% - 76%	I 0%
B 87% - 90%	D 70% - 74%	
B- 85% - 86%	D- 69%	

Notes: P = progress shown but below grade level U or F = unsatisfactory progress I = Incomplete

Late Homework Policy: The Notre Dame Middle School late homework policy requires that there will be a score reduction for late assignments. If an assignment is handed in to me past the due date, there will be a 10% deduction on the overall grade of the assignment per each day the assignment is late up to 50% off. If you turn something in late, send me an email about it and check-in with me.

Retake Policy: Retakes are only given if the student makes a convincing request by email or after class and their situation is deemed acceptable for a retake.

Chromebook Procedures: The level of inappropriate Digital Citizenship by the student has two levels of infractions and are determined by the seriousness of the act. Please refer to the Chromebook Policy on our school website for a comprehensive list of infractions.

General guidelines/methods of discipline for all students:

- **First violation:** Chromebook taken away by school personnel; Chromebook taken away during study hall and referral or detention given.
- **Second violation:** Chromebook taken away for one week; student received referral; contact parents.
- **Third violation:** No use of Chromebook by student until Principal/GRACE IT personnel meet with parents; restricted use of Chromebook--faculty managed use; restricted use of GRACE Google Account issued to student; Chromebook taken away for a specified duration.



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Academic Integrity: The lack of academic integrity (eg. cheating and plagiarism) is considered to be a behavioral offense. The consequences for any action(s) that violate academic integrity will be addressed in the following manner(s):

- The student will retake the assignment or test according to the teacher. This could be the exact assignment or test taken after school or a different assessment that demonstrates student knowledge.
- If the lack of academic integrity is part of a project, the student will redo the project.
- The teacher will arrange with the parent(s) and child a meeting as to the offense and how the teacher will address the lack of academic integrity.
- The student will receive two demerits for demonstrating a lack of academic integrity.

It is up to the teacher to determine what is done to replace the assignment, project or other activity the student was cheating on. Consequences for second and third offenses of plagiarism increase in severity.

Excused Absences: In the event a student is excused from school for illness or otherwise, the student will have 2 days for every day they are missing to make up his or her work. It will be the student's responsibility to come to me (or check Google Classroom or my website) about their missing work before school, after school, or during their study hall.

Snack: Snack time this year will take place ONLY during 3rd hour (1st hour on Mass days). Just as a reminder, students should bring snacks for themselves only. They will have the first 5 minutes of class to enjoy it. Furthermore, no food is allowed in my room at any other time. We are working with a foreign language and I and your peers need to understand you.

Email Etiquette: When contacting me, please follow this example. Your email must include a subject line, greeting, message, closing, and signature.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mukG6EZsbiBTMthoSVU_ibrAPtdUcelSaedKZtDVi94/edit?usp=sharing

Teacher Contact Information: If you would like to contact me throughout the school year, feel free to email me at: smarver@gracesystem.org. I'll check my emails **until** 3:30 p.m. each day. If you would like to set up a conference with me, feel free to email me or talk with me after class.

Thank you and God bless!

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I verify that I have read and understand what is included in this syllabus.

Student signature:

Date:

Parent signature:

Date:
