

Ms. Cage's World Cultures and Geography

February 12, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

As we near the middle of Black History Month and enter the third quarter in earnest, I would like to make everyone aware of upcoming due dates, events and past assignments. I know that many of you are checking progress through Schoolmax and Edmodo and I ask that you continue to bear with me regarding the grading process. Please continue to be proactive in checking for assignment completion in Edmodo and in students Notebooks each night.

As far as **upcoming assignments**, all students have a **project due this Friday** in honor of Black History Month. Students will either be detailing African-American inventors or movements depending on their grade. **This is an assessment grade.** It is my understanding that the projects will be displayed around the school, so students should do their absolute best. **As always, students should refrain from using Wikipedia as a source and avoid plagiarism at all costs as it will result in an automatic zero and negative 20 SIS points.** Every student should have a good grasp on the content of their project, as I spent time going over each student's presentation and their progress last week during class.

Furthermore, due to updates in the Country Grading policy, I will not be as lenient regarding grades as I was in the previous quarter. **There will be no late work accepted,** with the exception of a select few assignments. Assignment make-ups are only available to those students who submit their work on time initially. In regards to **the**

Third Quarter Make-Up Day, which will be March 9, 2017, I will select specific assignments to be eligible to be submitted on that day. No other assignments will be accepted. However, students will not be made aware which assignments will be Make-Up Day eligible, and thus should make a good faith attempt on all and submit on time so that they have the best opportunity at improving their grade if needed.

On another note, the **Black History Month Production** is coming up. It will be held in the school auditorium on **Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.** Rehearsals will be held every day this week after school from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm and next week leading up to the production. All student participants and volunteers should make it a priority to attend at least two rehearsals. Additionally, Friday morning will be a rehearsal opportunity as well. This is an extra credit opportunity.

Finally, Flu season is really coming to a head and many students have been out sick in the past two weeks. Therefore, students who bring in tissues, hand sanitizer, and Lysol wipes will be able to get extra credit. Below, I have listed important dates and attached project descriptions for your reference.

Best,

Ms.Cage

Upcoming

- African-American Scientists and Inventors Project (6th) Due Friday, February 16, 2018
- African-American Movements and Revolutions Project (7th) Due Friday, February 16, 2018
- Black History Month Production – Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00pm