**JP TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL**



Syllabus

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| Instructor’s Name: | Mr. Price |
| Course Title: | Debate 2,3,4 5 Honors |
| Course Schedule: | Period 6th and 7th  Planning period: 4th and 8th |
| Course Location: | Room 702 |
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| Course Materials: | **Materials:**  The following materials listed should be brought to class on a daily basis:   1. Black or blue ink pens, pencils, and highlighters; 2. Folder with pockets and prongs or Three-ring Binder with pockets 3. Loose leaf paper. 4. Composition notebook   Additional items that may be useful but are not required:   1. A student dictionary. 2. A student Thesaurus. 3. Items to deal with classroom temperature and external conditions (sweatshirt, sweater, umbrella, raincoat, swamp shoes, etcetera); |
| Electronic Resources: | Many electronic resources will be utilized for research purposes depending on the event being studied at the time. |
| Objectives: | This class is designed to build upon the base established in Debate 1. We will briefly recap the history of organized debating, from Ancient Greece to the classic debates of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas during that presidential election continuing through modern times. Students will be tasked with practicing and perfecting their craft in whatever event they choose to compete in. This class is designed to give students the tools necessary to be comfortable speaking in public, and the ability to create and sustain a coherent argument based in fact using research. The largest part of the student’s grade in this course is based upon tournament requirements. *History of Debate, Impromptu, Congress, Extemporaneous Speaking, Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Declamation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory, Oral Interpretation, Duo Interpretation.* |
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| Seat Work and Homework Policy: | **Seat Work:**  During class, students will be expected to work in their seats individually, in pairs, or in an assigned group. **Grades for this work will be determined by on-task behavior throughout the process as well as by the finished product in all instances.** When working in pairs or groups, an individual grade as well as a cooperative grade may be assigned.  \*Unexcused absence will result in a ZERO grade for all assignments done in class during the missed day!  **Homework:**  Homework is due at the beginning of class. Work not submitted at collection will receive a grade of ZERO in Pinnacle. Late work will not be accepted. For all missed class time, it is the student’s responsibility to complete all missed work and turn it in on time. All work assigned ***BEFORE*** absence is ***due the beginning of the next attended class day.*** No late work will be accepted! All work assigned *during* the absence, students have two days for every absence to make-up work. After that time it will be given a Zero. (No class time will be utilized.)   * + - Unexcused absence will result in ZERO for the assignment due on the day of absence!     - If internal or external suspension is assigned, work may be made up, but it is due on the day of the student’s return. It is the student’s responsibility to make contact with the teacher and get the work!     **Quizzes:**  Announced and unannounced (“pop”) quizzes can be given each marking quarter.  **Tests:**   1. There will be a test or other formal assessment at the end of every major concept and/or work. Tests will be announced at least one class period before the test is to be given. 2. Not all tests or quizzes will have reviews, however if reviews for the test are missed, the student is still responsible for taking the examination. This means being absent from class a day or two before the test does not excuse the student from taking the test with the class. Make-up examinations may be different from the original examination. \*\*Unexcused absence on the day of the test will result in ZERO for the test grade! |
| Tournaments:  Weighting of Assignments: | Each student will be required to attend two afterschool tournaments and one Saturday tournament each quarter.  All class assignments, homework, quizzes, projects, and oral presentations will be graded using a point system. Rubrics will accompany most assignments for students to track grades and achievement. It is the responsibility of the student to save work and track grades and progress. The Broward County Grading Scale (below) will be used to assign a letter grade to work. |
| Grade Breakdowns  Grading Scale: | 50% Tournament Competition/Judge Attendance Requirement  25% Debate Case/Piece Check and Debate/Presentation  25% Monthly Debate Binder Collection  Teacher has the right to amend the requirements as necessary, including adding or removing assignments and categories. Students will be notified of changes.  A 90-100  B 80-89  C 70-79  D 60-69  F 0-59 |
| Academic Honesty: | *On my honor as a student at JPT, I have neither given nor received aid on this test.* |
| Attendance: | All students will follow the guidelines set forth by Broward County Public Schools, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook, and J.P. Taravella’s attendance policy. |
| Cell phones : | Prior to the start of class, students must turn their cell phones off to avoid unnecessary classroom disruptions. |

**Classroom rules**

Students will abide by all rules and regulations set out by the Broward County Public School System that is found in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook, especially dress code, non-compliance will result in appropriate discipline as decided and set forth in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook.

Class starts when the bell rings, as such I expect all students to be in their seats and ready to begin work at that time. While attendance is being taken, students should be writing in their daily journals. This time is for writing, not for talking.

**Phones and all other electronic devices are to be off and put away upon entering the classroom, this includes headphones, ear buds, and speakers.** Failure to comply will result in detention. If a student is using their phone or MP3 player during a test for any reason, they will receive a grade of zero for that test and will be sent to the office with a referral. However there may be times that the use of cell phones will be permitted to allow students an opportunity to research for debate topics. These exception will be at the discretion of the teacher.

There is to be no eating or drinking during class time. If a student has food and drink in class it must remain in their backpack throughout the duration of class. Non-compliance will result in food/beverage being thrown away, and a detention being issued.

It is my preference that students use the restroom during the passing time between classes, however I know that it is not always possible to do this, so bathroom passes may be given out at the discretion of the teacher, they will not be given out during the first ten or last ten minutes of class. **Bathroom passes entitle a student to use the bathroom; not to visit friends, wander the hallways, or stop at the vending machines.** If a student is caught doing any of these things, they will receive detention and will forfeit any future opportunities to get a bathroom pass. Food and/or drink will be thrown away.

Students will raise their hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking, unless otherwise instructed by the teacher. Students must show self-control and respect at all times. Interrupting speeches or performances will not be tolerated for any reason. It is important that students show respect to and for one another at all times, it is important that while someone is addressing the class everyone else is silent.

Students will refrain from taunting and/or bullying any student, this includes both verbal and physical forms of bullying. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action as set out in the Broward County Code of Conduct book.