



September 4, 2019

Carissimi alunni,

Benvenuti nella classe d'italiano IV!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are as excited as I am to begin a new school year. I am looking forward to working with each of you, and I am confident that together we can make this an enjoyable and successful year in Italian.

Please look over the attached course requirement and course description sheets with your parents and return the signed portion to me by Friday, September 6, 2019. If you would like to refer to these forms later in the year, they will be posted on my website: blogs.socsd.org/mbruno. I will also be posting homework assignments on my website on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me, call me (845-680-1600), or email me (mbruno@socsd.org). My office hours will be on Thursday mornings from 7:35-8:05am, Thursday afternoons from 3:05-3:35 p.m., and by appointment.

In bocca al lupo!

Sig.ra Maria Bruno



ITALIAN IV COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed for those students who have successfully completed the third year Italian course and would like to maintain and improve their foreign language skills. This course, offered also for college credit, will focus on advanced grammar, conversation and composition, as well as culture and civilization.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND HOMEWORK

1. Students will act respectfully toward one another and toward the teacher.
2. Come prepared to class each day with a binder, and a pen or pencil.
3. Be in class and seated by the second bell. **Repeated unexcused lateness will result in a referral.**
4. Complete all homework assignments. Homework assignments will be posted on my website (blogs.socsd.org/mbruno) weekly. Failing to complete homework will affect grades considerably. **Late homework will NOT be accepted.** Even if written homework is not assigned, a nightly review of vocabulary, classwork, etc. is essential for building foreign language skills.
5. All missed work due to absences must be made up.
6. Students will speak Italian with the teacher and with classmates in class and as often as possible outside of the classroom.

OFFICE HOURS

My office hours are held on Thursday mornings from 7:35-8:05am and on Thursday afternoons from 3:05-3:35pm. Office hours may change depending on quiz/test dates when necessary. In this case, I will make an announcement well in advance. If you cannot attend my office hours, please see me to make an appointment.

GRADING POLICY

Tests, quizzes, projects, essays, compositions, orals	70%
Homework	10%
Class Participation	10%
Communication (oral, aural, lab activities, etc.)	10%

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCE POLICY

- If you are absent on the day of a quiz/test or in-class assessment, **YOU** are responsible to see me and make arrangements for completing the missed quiz/test or in-class assessment. If you are absent at any other time, **YOU** are responsible to see me about completing any missed classwork and/or homework.
- See your student handbook for more information on extended absences and its impact on grades.

CHEATING AND CUTTING POLICY

- Cheating of any kind (i.e. giving or copying answers during a test/quiz, plagiarizing, copying homework, etc.) will receive a grade of **ZERO**, a referral, and an email/phone call home. (See the Student Handbook policy on Academic Integrity.)
- The use of online translators is prohibited and will result in a grade of **ZERO**.
- No work may be made up if a student is absent due to cutting. The student will receive a grade of **ZERO** on all assignments and exams completed on that day.

Keep this document in a safe place for future reference.

(sign and detach)

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the course requirements for Italian IV taught by Signora Bruno. By signing this document, I agree to follow all of the rules for the class and will be respectful towards Signora Bruno and all of my classmates. If not, the appropriate consequences will be given.

(student signature)

(date)

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the course requirements for Italian IV taught by Signora Bruno.

(parent/guardian signature)

(date)

Parent/Guardian e-mail _____