Civics and Economics Mr. Shearin Fall 2019 (336) 819-2800 ext 1620 shearij@gcsnc.com

Welcome to the wonderful and exciting world of Civics and Economics! I feel honored and privileged to have the opportunity to teach you child in Civics and Economics and I look forward to another exciting semester at Andrews. You will be on a whirlwind tour of the American Constitution, how the American Government has shaped society, the North Carolina Constitution and various principles of Economics. We will be studying government and how it affects our day-to-day lives as American citizens.

As a teacher with numerous responsibilities, I am mindful that you will be taking other courses, participating in extra-curricular activities, and in some cases, holding a job. It is my intent to make sure that all of my students succeed while at the same time holding them accountable for being punctual, prepared, and responsible enough to handle the responsibilities of high school. The most "valued" employees are those that come to work on time and prepared to work. I teach because I am committed to helping every child succeed in high school and in the extremely competitive workforce that is just a few short years away.

It is important to me that you understand the opportunity for success you will have in my classroom. Each of you will be presented with:

- 1. A well-prepared lecture explaining material covered in the text.
- 2. Teacher prepared worksheets, test study guides and re-teaching materials that will reinforce the classroom lecture.
- 3. Teacher prepared tests/quizzes that will cover information presented to your child by me. Plenty of notice of quiz and test dates.
- 4. After school study sessions prior to tests and some quizzes. 5 points of Extra Credit will be given on the test/quiz to each student who stays with me to study.
- 5. A retest opportunity will be given to any student who would like to better their grade. The highest score on a retest will be 85%.

I respectfully ask that you review this information with your child. **Interim Reports will be sent home periodically via your child, which will detail his/her progress.** I will be happy to provide you with this report at any time.

The most successful students in my class will be those that:

- 1. Arrive on time.
- 2. Keep an organized notebook. (5 Dividers, etc.)
- 3. Bring a **pen/pencil** to class
- 4. Turn in assignments on time.
- 5. Study for tests.
- 6. Take advantage of Extra Credit opportunities.
- 7. Focus on the lesson

Other Supplies that are needed include:

Colored Pencils (Pack of 12) 3-ring binder 5 Dividers Planner (must have place where students can keep assignments) Highlighters (at least 3 colors)

Parent Signature_____

Phone Number_____