

Parents and Students,

It is with great excitement that I prepare for the start of the 2024-25 school year. While I have been an educator for many years, returning to the classroom full-time this past year has helped me to remember how much I enjoy teaching and the daily interaction with middle and high schoolers. I look forward to being the 6th - 12th grade History teacher for ACS this year.

My goals for next year, beyond teaching the content assigned for each grade, include working on multiple life skills. These include helping ACS students push themselves further to better understand their God-given capabilities, developing better self-control, becoming more responsible, and to be more comfortable speaking in public. We will also be working on students developing their own opinions and being able to explain and defend them.

The best advice for doing well in my classes is to be in class as much as possible. Teaching will be going on everyday, and getting the work second-hand is not ideal. Another tip for success is to be engaged and participate each and every day since a third of the grade is participation. Staying organized and not procrastinating can help a student keep up with the workload. It is hard to catch up once you are behind on work not done or lost.

Usually, there are homework assignments two to three days a week. Not turning work in on time results in 20 points off each day it is late. To stay organized so work isn't lost, a one-inch three-ring binder works best. Notebook paper as well as pens and/or pencils are needed as well as a 12 pack of colored pencils for 6th and 7th graders.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August! I'm praying for a safe summer for all and a God-honoring upcoming school year.

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