The seating chart will be created today so choose wisely.

Only one group of 5. All others are groups of 4.

Grab a laptop but do not open it yet. We will go over the syllabus and watch a video before working on the computers.
Welcome to 12th grade Economics!

1) This course is a requirement for graduation!
2) You will learn about supply and demand, productivity, business organizations, financial institutions, government influence, and globalization.
3) In addition to the economic theory, you will also gain practical knowledge and skills that will help you live independently in the world.
Economics State Standards

- Students understand common economic terms and concepts and economic reasoning.
- Students analyze the elements of America’s market economy in a global setting.
- Students analyze the influence of the federal government on the American economy.
- Students analyze the elements of the U.S. labor market in a global setting.
- Students analyze the aggregate economic behavior of the U.S. economy.
- Students analyze issues of international trade and explain how the U.S. economy affects, and is affected by, economic forces beyond the United State’s border.
What is Economics?

- *Economics is the study of how people seek to satisfy their needs and wants by making choices.*
- Because people act individually, in groups (such as businesses), and through governments, economists study each of these groups.
- CRASH COURSE ECONOMICS #1
Economics Units of Study

- Introduction to Economics
- The Basics: Demand, Supply and Price
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Trade, Investment, and Globalization

*Personal Finances and the Stock Market will be interwoven into these units.*
Classroom Guidelines

- **RESPECT** peers, teachers, administrators, visitors, textbooks, supplies and facilities. The use of swearing, derogatory comments and put-downs is not only disrespectful but also inappropriate for the school and work environment. Therefore, they will not be tolerated.

- **RESPONSIBILITY** and **ACCOUNTABILITY**: Be responsible and accountable for all of YOUR actions! The grade you earn in this class will be a reflection of your effort and learning. *It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of their academic standing and bring any questions they have about their grade to the attention of the teacher.*

- **PREPARATION**: Be on time to class with all materials. *(WR Tardy Policy will be enforced)*

- All school rules will be enforced according to the West Ranch Student Handbook.

- **ELECTRONICS POLICY**: Cell phones and any other electronic devices will NOT be allowed for use during class time, except at teacher’s discretion at appropriate times. Any violation will result in confiscation of the item which will be turned in to the student’s Assistant Principal’s office.
Come to class prepared and ready to learn.
Do not disrupt the learning time of others.

- **Special Note:** Please do not eat or drink in class (except water)....especially the LAB!! No FOOD or DRINK in the LAB!! There is potential for ant problems in the classroom and leaving food out will only make it uncomfortable for you by attracting ants to your workspace.

- **There may be times when I am out of the classroom for school/district business, family issues, or illness.** Any time there is a guest teacher in class students are expected to complete all work and maintain a respectful atmosphere.

*Keep in mind that these guidelines are in place to foster a healthy and positive learning environment.*
Attendance and Tardies

- Regular attendance is a critical element to success in this and all classes. All absences need to be excused and any class that is missed becomes the student’s responsibility to learn what they missed at an appropriate time that does not interrupt the learning of others. Any missed assignments due to an excused absence are due the next class that the student attends. Students with excused absences will have one week to make up assessments. It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with the teacher for make-up exams. Any assignments missed due to an unexcused or disciplinary absence will be recorded as a zero (including assessments).

- Be on time to class! Students who are not inside the classroom when the bell rings will be considered tardy and will lose points in the professionalism category of their grade. In addition, the West Ranch Tardy Policy will be enforced. Please respect the teaching and learning environment by arriving to class on time ready to learn.
Restrooms

- Students will be given six Bathroom Passes at the beginning of each semester.
- They are to be used only when given permission by the teacher - you are NOT entitled to leave whenever you want to just because you have a pass.
- Any passes not used by the end of the semester may be turned in for extra credit (the number of points will be determined later but it will not constitute more than 2% of a student’s grade).
- You need to turn in your cell phone when you leave the classroom. You’ll get it back when you return.
- Students will lose one bathroom pass for every 3 tardies to class and therefore will lose potential extra credit points.
Academic Honesty

- The West Ranch Academic Integrity Policy will be in effect. Any student involved in dishonesty on any work, from homework to projects to tests and quizzes, will receive zero credit for the assignment in question (this includes plagiarism on writing assignments). Repeat offenders may be subject to a referral to the Assistant Principal, suspension from class, and/or a parent/teacher conference.

- Students with cell phones or other electronic devices out during tests will receive an automatic zero on the test and a referral to the office.
Grading Policy (per semester)

- **Assessments (40%)**
  - L1 = Formative assessments graded for completion and corrections
  - L2 = Chapter tests (typically tied directly to the textbook)
  - L3 = Unit Tests as well as the Final; multiple choice and FRQs; more application of learning and critical thinking

- **Final Exam (15%)**
  - Cumulative of the entire semester - Multiple Choice and Free Response

- **Projects and Discussions (25%)**
  - A variety of individual and group projects will challenge students to study economic topics in more depth. This category will also include formal discussions, debates, simulations, research papers, and unit review activities that will help students gain a better understanding when studying economics. This category will also include student participation in our two online competitions.

- **Class Work (15%)**
  - Students will be given a unit packet for each unit which will be turned in the day of the unit test. Additional assignments will be collected on the date they are assigned or the next class period.
  - For the most part, students will not have homework for this class unless they are using their class time poorly and get behind.

- **Participation and Professionalism (5%)**
  - Active participation, timely attendance, on-time class work and projects
In my experience, the opportunity for test corrections has resulted in students being less prepared for tests and not putting forth the amount of studying that should be appropriate for a high school course.

With that in mind, there will **NOT** be any opportunities for test corrections on the L3 assessments.

Within a couple of days of the test, I will review commonly missed questions and students will have a chance to review and reflect on what they missed, but you will not be able to re-take the test or do corrections to earn more points.
Projects

- Ongoing
  - H&R Block Budget Challenge
  - What’s Next Project
  - Stock Market Game

- Unit Projects
  - Comparative World Economies
  - Globalization
  - Company Profile
  - Local Business Firms
  - Current Events
  - Others will be added as appropriate
Professionalism

- Participation is an integral part of the class and will consist of everyday class participation, individual and group activities, presentations, formal and impromptu speeches, and other activities. In addition, all class work, projects and written debate/simulation assignments will be given a professionalism grade. Although I allow students to make-up work for full credit, I also want to reward those students that turn work in on time. Therefore, the professionalism grade will be a “separate” 10-point grade at the time that work is turned in.

  - **10 points** = Work was turned in COMPLETED on time.
  - **5 points** = Work was turned in on time but incomplete OR was turned in within one week of the due date
  - **0 points** = Work was turned in more than one week late.