

AP Psychology
Spring 2020

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SMART Lunch Sessions

Mondays & Thursdays
(Open A & B Halves)
Room 2610

*"The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well."
~ Alfred Adler (1870-1937), Austrian psychologist.*

Course Description:

Psychology is the science that studies behavior and mental processes. Through the study of Psychology, students will acquire an understanding of an appreciation for human behavior, behavior interaction and the progressive development of individuals. This will better prepare the student to understand their own behavior and behavior of others.

Class Format:

Lectures, discussion, group and individual projects, issue analysis, critical writing, cooperative learning, panels, journals, case studies, debates, tests, and quizzes.

Course Topics

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction of Psychology▪ Psychological Research▪ Learning Principles and Applications▪ Memory and Thought▪ Thinking and Language▪ Motivation and Emotion▪ Altered States of Consciousness▪ Sensation and Perception | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Theories of Personality▪ Infancy and Childhood▪ Adolescence▪ Adulthood and Old Age▪ Stress and Health▪ Psychological Disorders▪ Therapy and Change▪ Attitudes and Social Influence |
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Supplies

1. One binder that includes sections for: Warm-Ups, Notes, Homework, Handouts, and Returned Assignments.
2. Writing Utensils (Blue/Black Pens or Pencils)
3. Loose-leaf paper
4. Colored Pencils (Optional)

Evaluation & Grading

<u>Grade Weights</u>	<u>Grade Scale</u>	<u>4-Point Grading Scale</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major Assignments - 70%• Minor Assignment - 25%• Student Engagement - 5%	A: 100-90 B: 89-80 C: 79-70 D: 69-60 F: 59-0	4 - 100 3 - 89 2 - 79 1 - 69 0 - 40

Attendance and Make-up Work

In the event of an absence, each student is responsible for making up his or her work. If you are absent, the day you return you are to turn in the work from the last day you were present. In the event of an absence, a student can make up work under the conditions listed in the *Panther Creek High School Student/Parent Handbook*.

Each student is responsible for getting his or her missed assignments from the instructor using the "Absent Work" files or through "Blackboard" website via a school computer or home computer with Internet access.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted with the following penalties:

- 11 point deduction for 1 day late (Maximum grade of 89)
- 10 point deduction for each additional day, up to 5 days total (79, 69, 59, 49)
- Grade of 40 for all late work of more than 5 days

Zero Policy

- Zeroes are applied to ALL assignments that are not submitted/attempted.
- If homework/classwork/student engagement is attempted/submitted, 40 is the lowest score entered for classwork or homework assignments.
- Major assessments are entered as scored.

Canvas & Class Website

Many of our assignments, vocabulary lists and handouts will be on Mr. Thorpe's class website. Other materials will be available on Canvas. These can be accessed from a home or school computer with internet access. If a student does not have home internet access he or she may use a computer in the PCHS Media Center before school, during SMART lunch, or after school.

Hall Passes/Tardiness

Students are encouraged to take care of all personal business prior to coming to class. Students are not allowed to leave the room without an official hall pass from an authorized staff member. Unexcused tardiness will be handled appropriately (warning, parent contact, lunch detention, etc.). The tardy policy is outlined in the *PCHS Student/Parent Handbook*.

Basic Expectations

In respect to the learning environment and the advancement of each day's lesson, students are expected to meet the PCHS Basic Expectations:

1. Be present and on time.
2. Be prepared for and engaged in learning.
3. Be a person of character.
4. Be safe and comply with PCHS and WCPSS policies.

Success Strategies

For a successful completion of the course, students should:

1. Take notes from lectures and assigned readings.
2. Ask course-related questions.
3. Turn in assignments on time.
4. Discuss issues in a rational manner.
5. Seek extra help when needed. Students may attend tutorials during SMART lunch.

REMEMBER THIS DATE!

AP Psychology Exam: Tuesday May 12th, 2020 (12:00 p.m.)

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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