**Course Description**: This course will examine the three branches of the US Government at both the federal and state levels. In addition, we will explore various fundamental principles of government as well as both the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

**Course Outline**

1. Political Parties, Voters, Elections
2. Mass Media, Public Opinion & Interest Groups
3. Principles of Government & American Origins
4. US Constitution & Federalism
5. Legislative Branch
6. Executive Branch
7. Judicial Branch

**Materials**:

* 1-2 packs of notecards, 3- ring binder suggested, writing utensils, and textbook
* **Cell Phone Use:** Students may use electronic devices in the classroom at the discretion of the classroom teacher. If not approved, cell phones must be put away, out of sight, and silenced.
* **Laptops:** Laptops are allowed to be used in our classroom for academic purposes.

**Canvas**:

* This course will be using Canvas which can be accessed via any device that receives internet. Class Agendas, assignments, notes, reminders, etc. will be posted to our course website. It is the student’s responsibility to check Canvas daily for class updates, and information.

**Classroom Rules and Procedures**

* All students should comply with all school policies enumerated in the WHS student handbook.

**Absences:**

* Students who have been absent need to check the course page on Canvas as well as the class work area for missed handouts and/or returned work. Then, you need to turn in any assignments that were due on the day of your absence. Next, you need to see a fellow classmate for missed notes or check on Canvas. If you have any other questions, please ask me at an appropriate time.

**Grading Scales & Policy:**

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* Extra Credit will be occasionally offered through bonus on tests and small assignments. Such opportunities will be given to the class as a whole, never to one individual alone.
* EXTRA HELP→ Please feel free to see me if you feel that you need additional help. I am here everyday after school!!
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