



# Spanish III Honors

*Teacher: Señora Coates*

Dear Parents,

I am so excited that your son/daughter recognizes the advantages of continuing to study Spanish! I heard a clever anecdote at a language conference a few years ago.

*A parent came to meet his son's language teacher and quickly informed the teacher that he himself had taken two years of Spanish in high school, but was frustrated that he never became fluent. The teacher jokingly sympathized with the parent and replied, "I understand what you mean, I took two years of biology in high school and they still won't let me perform surgeries at the hospital!"*

This little story humorously illustrates the fact that it takes plenty of time and intentional practice to develop and maintain second language skills. Your child will be quite proud of how much more he/she will be able to understand and communicate in Spanish after this course. This class will also continue to prepare them to move on to the level IV and AP Spanish Language courses.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you, the parents, to help me encourage these students to take full advantage of our semester. Students tend to perform their best not only when they have an inner drive for excellence, but when they also have parents cheering them on to their best. Whenever possible take time to let them teach you what they are learning in class and help them find opportunities to practice the language outside of the classroom. Also, please discuss the following with your son/daughter:

- 1. The class is highly interactive which requires maturity and discipline on the part of the student. Students will be expected to communicate in Spanish the majority of the time.*
- 2. In order to more easily internalize all of the material, students must practice consistently both inside and outside of class.*
- 3. A student should let me know immediately if he/she does not understand something covered in class. I am more than willing to provide extra help!*

Please feel free to contact me if you should ever have any questions or concerns about your child's progress in class. You can call the school at **582-4347** or email me at [coatesab@spart6.org](mailto:coatesab@spart6.org). I am looking forward to a fabulous semester!

Sincerely,

Amanda Coates