

Italian 1

Benvenuti alla classe d'italiano Professor Coppola

Course Goals

Italian 1 is a survey of the Italian language. It is designed to enable students to develop:

- a basic vocabulary for conversational purposes.
- solid pronunciation skills.
- mastery of basic grammar skills.
- reading skills.
- cultural awareness.
- confidence using another language.

By the end of the year, you will be able to:

Pronounce Italian words with confidence, perform introductions, understand basic Italian phrases, recognize and use grammatical structures (including present and past tense verbs) correctly, respond to simple commands and requests in the present, create sentences relating to everyday situations, and discuss information about Italian culture.

Classroom Expectations

Personal Achievement:

- Attend class and be on time.
- Be prepared for class and with class materials.
- Take part of activities and complete all activities.
- Ask for help and clarify if having trouble.

Honorable Actions:

- Listen, be accountable and work honestly.
- Take part in activities and follow directions.
- No food – drinks in the classroom. Let's keep our classroom clean and safe for all.
- Respect peers and use appropriate language – no name-calling.

Strength in Community:

- Assist peers when needed – we all work together in this class.
- Treat classmates, teacher, books and other class material with respect.
- Work together and help each other.
- Respect and value opinions of others.

Texts

Avanti con l'Italiano

Dov'è Yukio? plus additional stories, articles, and songs.

Projects: This category encompasses any creative work you may be assigned - this will generally include one big project and several smaller, in-class assignments.

Participation: Your participation grade is based on a number of factors. Being prepared for class, completing all "Do Nows", taking part in discussions and homework corrections, staying on task, and using Italian all count toward this grade. You will only get, as much out of this class as you put into it, so do your best!

Do Now: Each class period will begin with a warm-up activity. I will grade your blue book twice each quarter.

Homework: Expect homework. You need to have your homework completed before entering class. Absence is no excuse for not having homework; I will always save worksheets you missed. It is your responsibility to make up what you have missed.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given frequently (about once a week) to help you get a sense of where your skill level is.

Tests: These will be more comprehensive evaluations given (on average) twice each quarter. They will always be announced well in advance, and we will spend a period reviewing prior to the test.

Make-up work

Missed assignments are your responsibility. If you are absent, call a classmate, check my webpage, or send me an e-mail. I will always take time to go over your assignment.

Grading

*25% Classwork and Participation

*25% Homework and Quizzes

*50% Tests, Projects, summative assessment

The student handbook outlines PHS's position on cheating, plagiarism, or other violations of honor, and its standards will be applied, if appropriate.

Extra Credit: Extra credit will be available each term. I will announce assignments within the term.

Extra Help: I am available for extra help. Please do not hesitate to ask for my help I am willing to make arrangements to help you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

E-mail: gcoppola@pittsfield.net

Telephone: 413-499-9548

*****Italian 1 Parent Information*****

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's Italian teacher for this school year. Please know that I am always available to communicate with you about your child's progress. It may be difficult to reach me at the high school; email is the most convenient method to contacting me. I am always available for extra help and to meet with you if necessary. Please take a moment to complete the information below so that I may contact you should the need arise.

Best wishes,
Gaspare Coppola
E-mail: gcoppola@pittsfield.net
Phone: 413-499-9548 Home: 413-442-6042

Please detach lower portion and have your child return it to me tomorrow; please retain the upper portion for your files.

Parent Information:

Student Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Daytime phone(s): _____ Evening phone(s)_____

E-mail address: _____
This is generally the best way to make an initial contact – **please include your e-mail if you have one! **

I have read the attached curriculum guidelines & classroom policies with my child.

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Student signature)

Signor Coppola's Contract

I will have a Positive Attitude in class!!

I will always arrive on time with necessary materials for Italian class (notebook/binder, pen/pencil,)

I will respect myself, my classmates, and persons of authority. I will be honest with Signor Coppola

I will not chew gum, eat food, or drink liquids during class

I will not use electronic devices (including cell phones, pagers, headphones, i-pods, etc.)

I will leave the room neat and clean.

I will limit my trips to the bathroom. Once I leave the room I will not roam the hallway. I must return within 5 minutes of leaving the class. No more than one student out of the classroom at a time.

I will not ask for a pass to get materials from my locker. I will be prepared for class.

I will keep a neat and organized notebook. Notebooks will be selected grading. All handouts for the semester need to be kept in the notebook.