

# Italian 4

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## **Course Goals:**

Italian 4 enables students to further develop the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and is designed to:

- Expand the students' vocabulary
- Complete the study of more complex grammatical structures
- Further the adventure into Italian culture

This course will be conducted in Italian.

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

... Compare and contrast, write substantially using new vocabulary, listen to and recite Italian phrases accompanied by tapes, answer questions relevant to daily life, ask and answer questions using the pluperfect, conditional and compound tenses, read stories in Italian with ease, and hold sustained conversations in Italian with their peers.

## **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**

Italian II & III - Mercurio

Graded Reader Series

plus additional stories, articles, songs and poems

## **Grading**

\*25% Classwork/Participation/Do Now

\*25% Homework and Quiz

\*50% Tests/Projects

***Participation:*** Your participation will be graded using a point system. Up to three points may be earned daily based on the following:

Point 1 – You are punctual and present. This means you are not absent, arrive to class on time, and do not leave the classroom for any reason.

Point 2 – You are prepared and 'prehistoric'. This means that you have all materials needed for the day (book, pen, assignment notebook, homework, etc) and that you do not use any electronic devices during class for any reason – or have them out in the open.

Point 3 – You actively participate in class. This means that you answer questions, take part in classroom activities and dialogue, and remain focused on the work at hand.

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

**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.

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.

**\*\*\*Italian 4 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. I may be reached at the high school most days after school. If this time frame isn't convenient, please leave a message and I will do my best to return your call. I may also be reached by e-mail. 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 (or just to remind you what a wonderful child you've raised!).

Best wishes,

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

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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.**

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