

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an evolving educational landscape, technology has afforded teachers with new opportunities for sharing information and keeping students connected to the classroom after they have left for the day. In an effort to take advantage of the instantaneous nature of social media, I will be offering students (and their family) the opportunity to stay up to date with school happenings through the use of a website/app called *instagram*. In addition to sharing information, I look forward to the opportunity to model appropriate digital citizenship for our students as well.

If you are not familiar with Instagram, it is an online photo-sharing and social networking service that enables users to take pictures and then share them with others. I would like to use this service to send out reminders about class activities or events (e.g. "Don't forget to wear purple tomorrow") or just to share images related to our class studies.



Instagram is unique in that your child will not have to sign-up or "follow" the class account in order to see the information. They can simply head over to "<http://instagram.com/teacherofsocialstudies/>" and/or search the user name *teacherofsocialstudies* they will be able to view the information. **It is important to note that I will not be using this as a means to provide any new information to students.** I will only be reinforcing what has already been shared at school; therefore it is not mandatory for your child to participate. I do, however, encourage parents and students to follow. Furthermore, I will not be following anyone on this account and will not be able to see your child's photos.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me at the school or via e-mail. I am excited to be sharing this learning opportunity with you and your child and welcome your feedback during the process.

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Cut across the dotted line and return to Ms. Torres...

I have read and acknowledge this handout concerning Ms. Torres' Instagram page.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_