Dear Student of AP Italian Language and Culture,

Congratulations on being accepted into AP Italian Language and Culture for the 2019-2020 school year! This is a college course in Italian and you will take an AP exam in May 2020. Improving and perfecting your skills in any language other than English will undoubtedly broaden your perspectives and opportunities in the future. Increasing your linguistic ability paired with an increased cultural awareness and understanding will help shape you as a global citizen.

Familiarize yourself with the College Board website regarding the AP Italian course and exam: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-italian-language-and-culture/course https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-italian-language-and-culture/exam

For AP Italian, you are expected to:
- Be in class on time with all necessary materials
- Hand in all assignments on time (no late work will be accepted)
- Be prepared to take announced tests and quizzes
- Have a binder divided into four sections or a notebook
- Purchase/borrow an AP Italian Review Book (More info. in Sept.)

In addition to exposing yourself to as much Italian as possible and reviewing all grammar topics this summer, you are also expected to complete three summer assignments, which are due on the first day of school in September.

Assignment #1:
Enclosed you will find a list of vocabulary words and expressions (Useful Fillers in Speaking). Familiarize yourself with them.

Assignment #2
Visit the following website and watch several of Lucrezia Oddone’s videos, which are found on her site. https://learnitalianwithlucrezia.org/
Choose a minimum of three of her videos to watch/blogs to read that discuss Italian culture and then write a short cultural comparison in Italian about each. Be sure to follow the AP Italian Language and Culture format, which follows:
-una frase generale introduttiva
-la descrizione della situazione in Italia
-la descrizione negli Stati Uniti
-se la situazione è simile o diversa
-una frase per concludere (non ripetere l’introduzione)
Include filler words and an idiomatic expression (vale la pena, fare bella/brutta figura, etc.)

Assignment #3
Watch one of the following movies and write a reaction paper in Italian of a minimum of 150 words. The use of a translator or translation site is prohibited. The movie choices are Roberto Saviano, Subbura, On my skin and Palio and most can be found on Netflix. If you do not have access to Netflix, see if someone will let you access their account.

Additional sites worth checking out for additional exposure:
https://www.newsinslowitalian.com/slow-italian
Buon’estate,

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**VOCABULARY**

**Useful Fillers in Speaking**

allora  -then, at that time, in that case
invece  -instead, on the other hand
almeno  - at least
stesso  -the same
a lungo andare -in the long run
magari  -I wish it were so! Maybe, probably
anche se  -even if, too
mentre  -while
anzi  -on the contrary
mi sembra  -it seems to me
anzitutto  -first of all
mica  -not at all, not in the least
basta leggere  -all you have to do is read
nonostante  -in spite of, notwithstanding
beh  -Oh well
non vedo l’ora di  -I can’t wait
bene  -although
per concludere  -in conclusion
cioè  -that is, in other words
per dire la verità  -to tell the truth
come sai/come sa  -as you know
per fortuna  -fortunately
comunque  -however
per lo più  -for the most part
d'altra parte  -on the other hand
per questo  -for this reason
di solito  -as usual, usually

poi  -then, after, later
dunque  -then, so, consequently
prima di tutto  -first of all
purtroppo  -unfortunately
finalmente  -at last, finally
quanto  a  -as for
finché  -as long as
quantunque  -even though
fino a  -until
quindi  -hence, therefore, then, afterwards
grazie a  -thanks to
sebbene  -even though
incluso  -included
secondo me  -in my opinion
infatti  -in fact
sfortunatamente  -unfortunately
inoltre  -besides; also, in addition
soprattutto  -above all
in un attimo  -in a moment
subito  -right away
in questo momento  -at this time
tranne che  -except, that
insomma  -in short, in conclusion, in a word
tratta di  -it is about
intanto  -meanwhile in the meantime
tutto sommato  -in conclusion

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