**JJMS Vision:**
Take the time to get to know our students well and use that knowledge to increase student engagement in our classrooms.

**Classroom Mission:**
To encourage students to learn through their own inquiries in order to develop the social scientific skills required to come to a personal understanding of history and current events.

**Subject:**
Social Studies 8

**Teacher’s Name:**
Miss Kelsey Horst

**Curriculum:**
**United States History and Government since the Civil War**

Units of Study include:
- Reconstruction and the Jim Crow South
- Industrialization, Growth of Cities and Immigration
- Reform Movements—Populists and Progressives
- Overseas Expansion—Becoming a World Power
- World War I
- The Roaring Twenties
- The Great Depression
- World War II
- U.S. Foreign Policy since 1945
- U.S. Domestic Policy since 1945

In each unit students will learn about the causes and effects of major events and the role of key individuals in those events. Students will also learn about the lives of average Americans and the impact of events on those lives. Throughout the year, we will also study current events, geography, government, and economics.

**Grading and Homework:**
Homework is due the day after it is assigned unless otherwise noted.
Trimester average is calculated as:
60% Major assessments (including tests and projects)
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