

Señor Davies
Spanish 1-A, 1-B
Room 250 - L.J.I.S.

Dear Parents and Spanish Students,

¡Hola! I am John Davies, Spanish teacher here at LJIS. I am a graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, with a B.S. degree in Biology and Spanish. I have a Master's degree in Multicultural Education and ESL from the University of Houston, Clear Lake. This will be my 23rd year to live and teach in Lake Jackson. I also coach 7th grade girls sports. I have a wife, Lynne and two children. I am involved in my church as drummer and have been involved with Community Theater at Center Stages. I look forward to having your child this year in Spanish.

My **conference period** is 2nd period (8:55-9:50) and the best way to get in touch with me is through my **email** address (listed below). This course is designed to target the five C's of language learning: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. Simply, this means all aspects of Spanish will be addressed. This course will be challenging, but fun! **End of year finals in Spanish are comprehensive of the whole year.**

Please read over the policies for this class, sign, and return them by Friday. Please encourage your child to **LEARN** the material, not just cram for tests, etc. A foreign language **cannot** be learned in a 50 minute class period 5 days a week. There needs to be some extra practice outside of class to be totally successful. **Also, as this class is for high school credit, students will be expected to act and work as if they deserve this credit. There is a lot of work expected from my students. Students who do not work or are a disturbance to others may be removed from Spanish.**

Please encourage your child to spend **at least 10-15 minutes at night** to review the material they went over in class, in addition to any other work they may have. This will reinforce material already learned and will raise questions that they can bring back to class. This is considered a daily must! **If parents have any experiences that they can share with the classes, or if you have any questions, please call me at 730-7250 ext. 27213.** Or you can contact me at jdavies@brazosportisd.net.

I also maintain a School World Spanish website that will keep you informed of happenings in class. You can sign up for email alerts using this site! The address is: <http://teachers.brazosportisd.net/webpages/jdavies/>

Sincerely,

Señor John Davies

P.S. You can also check for current information about LJIS at our website:

<http://www.brazosportisd.net/lji/>

