Queridos estudiantes y padres,

Dear students and parents,

Welcome back to school and to Spanish 1! This year you will learn basic words, phrases, and sentences. You will practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing in Spanish. You will learn about different countries and cultures with Spanish-speaking people and we will have our own fiestas to celebrate unique cultural days. Above all, I hope that you not only become proficient at a basic level of Spanish, but that you come to enjoy and appreciate Spanish and those who speak it as their native language.

To keep you informed about what is happening in Spanish class, I’ve made a website just for you. On it you will find the blog, learning resources, an online calendar, and tech tools to help you in Spanish class. In addition, the website contains a wealth of cultural information, places in your community where you can practice Spanish, answers to common questions, reasons to learn Spanish, Spanish websites, Spanish opportunities for adults, and much more! The website address is:

[**hamiltonspanish.weebly.com**](http://sites.google.com/site/hamiltonspanish/)

There are some awesome opportunities in West Michigan this weekend and next weekend to practice Spanish. If you can make it to either or both events, they are excellent experiences.

1. The Hispanic Festival

Saturday, September 7 – 11:30am – 11:00pm

Grand Rapids, MI – Calder Plaza

This is a great opportunity to experience a little of everything! There will be many booths of delicious food, a "mercado" (market) to explore, and live music to listen or dance to.

1. Tulipanes – Latino Art and Film Festival

September 10-15

Holland, MI

Check out the calendar on the website for all the great events and locations! <http://www.tulipanes.org>

I’m looking forward to a fun year filled with new Spanish words and many cultural events to celebrate! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or call. My email address is [rgoorhou@hamiltonschools.us](mailto:rgoorhou@hamiltonschools.us) and my school phone number is 269.751.4436 ext. 411.

Thank you! ¡Gracias!

~ Señora Goorhouse

TO RETURN BACK TO SEÑORA GOORHOUSE

Forgive me for adding to the pile of things to sign at the beginning of the year! Yet, in order to establish a positive means of communication, please read the Spanish 1 syllabus and letter home, then sign this form. Your signatures indicate that you have both read and understood the information. If you do have any questions, please email or call (rgoorhou@hamiltonschools.us, 269.751.4436 ext. 411). ¡Muchas Gracias!

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