

**MEMO TO PARENTS:**

From: Teacher, Mrs. Tammy Largin

Class: Economics

*Please take a moment and review the Syllabus provided for the semester to your student. This syllabus will provide you with a complete overview of the required reading materials, a timeline for reading assignments as well as all quizzes, tests and projects.*

*Careful attention to due dates on assigned readings as well necessary preparation for tests and quizzes assigned in this syllabus will help to ensure your student masters the material in this class and performs well on all graded materials. Please note along with assigned readings, quizzes and tests there are many projects due throughout the year. This includes oral reports. Any level of participation on your part in holding your student accountable to the requirements of this class as represented in this syllabus will be a valuable contribution to his or her success academically.*

*Students will be rewarded for their diligence in my class by being exempt from the midterm or final if they have an "A" and less than 2 absences or a "B" and less than 1 absence. You are welcome to take the final if you would like to improve your "B" to an "A". My grade scale is as follows: 100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-74 = C; 73-0 = F. **On projects, you will see a rubric for each on the syllabus, those who do what is required should expect a "B", those who go above and beyond will receive an "A".***

***I would like to extend an invitation to you, the parents to come to my class anytime, especially presentation days. Showing your kids support on such important projects adds confidence and encourages them to be more prepared.***

*Please acknowledge that you and your student have reviewed the Syllabus which is attached for Economics by signing this document on the signature lines below. If you have any questions please feel free to email them to [m largin@richardsacademy.com](mailto:m largin@richardsacademy.com) and I will respond as quickly as possible.*

*Thank you for the privilege of partnering with you in the education of your student.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tammy Largin*

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Please return this portion of the form to the next class (this is for a grade)

I have joined my student in reviewing the attached Syllabus for Economics.

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature

## Semester Project:

It is hard to learn about someone else's money when you don't know what you spend your own money on, so with that in mind you will have a semester long assignment that will need attention at least weekly.

1. If you do not have MSExcel, go to [www.OpenOffice.org](http://www.OpenOffice.org) and download. This free program will allow you to have a word processor, spreadsheet and presentation capabilities.
2. Go to the Economics section of my website and download the **Expense Sheet File** (there is a choice for MSExcel and Open Office).
3. You will learn how to use this software in class. Please bring your laptop if you have one, on 1/7.
4. Change any of the categories that do not represent your lifestyle. Remember the intangibles like car insurance, FICA, medicare and state taxes (if you work). Savings and tithing is very important so make sure you log that too. There are blanks if you have a regular expense that you keep up with.
5. Enter the amount of money you receive each month and follow your expenses WEEKLY. This means you will have to KEEP ALL YOUR RECEIPTS in an envelope to turn in later. You will use your little notebook to keep up with expenses that don't have receipts (ei: Spirit store, vending machines, etc). I have programmed the spreadsheet so all you do is enter the information and the program does the rest.
6. Write a summary of what you learned about your spending habits. Include how you would change your habits and if there are any you would keep.
7. **DUE 5/4.**

Rubric:

Categories	Worth	Points
Spreadsheet	40	
Receipts/Notebook	20	
Organization	10	
Presentation	10	
Summary	20	
Bonus (1-10 points)		
<b>Grand Total</b>	100	

1/5 Lecture Chapter 1

HW: Chapter 1 review, Spending, Money Investment

Money Investment Project: **DUE 2/9**

You have \$50,000 to spend in the market. Use this money to invest in 7-10 companies on Wall Street. You can use a simulator off the internet, but the written work will still be due. Your notebook will need to include:

- A summary of each company in which you invest (100 words)
  - Example: Publix is a public company based in Florida. They sell groceries and pharmaceuticals. Their stores are in the southeast United States. Annual earning for the company in 2007 was 1.6 billion ...
- You will need to keep a daily track of your investment on a spreadsheet or table. This should show the climbs and drops of your investment for each company.
- Articles found about your companies that explain sudden losses and gains. You can check the internet weekly to see if any articles have been written that week.

- On overall summary of how much you made or lost for each company during your investment. And a written summary of what you would have done differently
- A list of the internet resources you used during your project

Rubric:

<b>Presentation</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Written</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dress (first impression)	5		Organization	5	
Organization	5		Table of Content	5	
General Information	5		Research Cited	5	
Creativity	5		Summary of Company/s	15	
Overall Presentation	5		Research	10	
Bonus (up to 10 pts)			Charts: 1:	5	
			2:	5	
			3:	5	
<b>Presentation total pts</b>	25		4:	5	
<b>Written total pts</b>	75		5:	5	
			6:	5	
<b>Overall Grade</b>			7:	5	

- 1/7 DUE: Chapter 1 review  
Lecture Chapter 2  
QUIZ Chapter 1  
HW: Chapter 2 review, Spending, Money Investment
- 1/12 DUE: Chapter 2 review  
HW: Spending, Money Investment
- 1/14 QUIZ Chapter 2  
Lecture Chapter 3  
HW: Chapter 3 review, Spending, Money Investment
- 1/19 DUE: Chapter 3 review  
Review for TEST 1  
HW: Spending, Money Investment
- 1/21 TEST 1: Chapters 1, 2 and 3  
HW: Spending, Money Investment
- 1/26 DUE: Preview your investment project  
Lecture Chapter 4  
HW: Chapter 4 review, Spending, Money Investment
- 1/28 DUE: Chapter 4 review  
QUIZ Chapter 4  
Lecture Chapter 5  
HW: Chapter 5 review, Spending, Money Investment
- 2/2 DUE: Chapter 5 review  
Lecture Chapter 6  
HW: Chapter 6 review, Spending, Money Investment

2/4 DUE: Chapter 6 review  
QUIZ Chapter 5 & 6  
HW: Investment Project, Spending, Money Investment

2/9 DUE: **INVESTMENT PROJECT**  
HW: Chapter 7 Review

**Rags to Riches Project** - *Nouveau Riche* in French, refers to people who ‘made it’ from nothing to something in term of financial authority. **DUE 3/16**

- Choose a person whose wealth came from nothing. Usually their poverty made them strong. Maybe they failed several times before making it big. That is called diligence. But this person can’t just be rich, they have to be giving and create or choose charities where they make the difference in someone else’s life.
- Read a biography or autobiography about the person. Keep notes that highlight their efforts.
- Write a paper about this person (length should be what is needed to provide all the information). Make sure you include their childhood, failures and successes, their passion for the charitable organization they support. Make sure to include a bibliography of the tools you used for this paper.
- Present a 3-5 minute oratory about the person. Become that person. Dress like them, try an accent if they have one, create a 3 fold or power point to show a little glimpse into their life. **Know them well enough to talk about their life as if you are them.** No note cards please. If they are musical, play their music. If they create food, bring some to share. **BE CREATIVE and ENTERTAINING** that is how you **SELL YOUR IDEAS.**

Categories	Worth	Points
General Information	20	
Presentation:	40	
Creativity	10	
Organization	10	
Literature/Board/PP	20	
Bonus (1-10 points)		
<b>Grand Total</b>	100	

2/11 DUE: Chapter 7 review  
QUIZ: Chapter 6 & 7  
Review for TEST 2  
HW: Study for test/Find a book for Rags to Riches, Spending

2/16 TEST 2 (Chapters 4-5)  
HW: Rags to Riches Summary

2/18 DUE: A written summary of who you will be doing for your Rags to Riches (200 words)

- Who are they?
- Where did they come from?
- How did they accomplish what they do?
- What is their main contribution to society?

HW: Rags to Riches, Spending

- 2/23 FIELDTRIP: RONA COFFEES  
HW: Rags to Riches, Spending
- 2/25 Review for TEST 3 & MIDTERM  
HW: Rags to Riches, Spending
- 3/2 TEST 3 (Chapters 6 & 7)  
HW: Rags to Riches, Spending
- 3/4 MIDTERM (Chapter 1-7)  
HW: Chapter 8 Review, Rags to Riches and Spending
- 3/9 DUE: Chapter 8 review  
Lecture Chapter 8  
HW: Chapter 9 review, Rags to Riches and Spending
- 3/11 DUE: Chapter 9 review  
Lecture Chapter 9  
QUIZ Chapter 8 & 9  
LECTURE Business Plans  
HW: Rags to Riches and Spending
- 3/16 **RAGS TO RICHES PROJECT DUE**  
Review for TEST 4  
HW: Study for TEST 4
- 3/18 TEST 4 (Chapters 8 & 9)  
HW: Chapter 10 Review, Business Plan and Spending  
Assignment : **BUSINESS PLAN PROJECT – DUE 4/27**

Include the following:

Marketing

- Target consumer
  - Demographic
- Where to advertise
- Sample advertisement (flyer, internet, brochure)

Example of your product and/or sales pitch

Find someone who is successful in your type of business. Write an interview.

- Professional dress
- Have questions written
- Record the answers

Notebook

- Table of content
- Information gathered – marketing, manufacturing, interview, concept and business plan
- Works cited
- Cover sheet
- Example of product/service in pictures

Presentation

- Dress for success
- Props

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Organization	5		Table of Content	5	
General Information	5		Works Cited	5	
Creativity	5		Example in pictures	5	
Example	5		Interview	10	
Overall Presentation	10		Marketing	5	
Bonus (up to 10 pts)			Research	5	
			Charts: Equipment list	5	
<b>Presentation total pts</b>	35		Balance Sheet	5	
<b>Written total pts</b>	65		Income Statement	5	
			Annual Operating Budget	5	
<b>Overall Grade</b>					

3/23 DUE: Chapter 10 Review

Lecture Chapter 10

HW: Chapter 11 Review Business Plan and Spending

3/25 DUE: Chapter 11 Review

Lecture Chapter 11

QUIZ: Chapter 10 & 11

HW: Chapter 12 Review, write summary for Business Plan and Spending

3/30 DUE: Chapter 12 Review and initial idea for Business Plan

Lecture Business Plan & Chapter 12

HW: Business Plan and Spending

4/1 QUIZ Chapter 12

Review for TEST 5

HW: Chapter 13 Review, Business Plan and Spending

4/13 DUE: Chapter 13 Review

Lecture Chapter 13

HW: Chapter 14 review, Business Plan and Spending

4/15 LAST MINUTE PROJECT WORK – you need to come prepared ready to work on your project. You can work on your posters, practice your speaking or work on a power point. Anyone without their project and prep work will receive a 0 for their organization part of the grade. This is a 30% grade that cannot be dropped.

4/20 DUE: Chapter 14 Review

QUIZ: Chapter 13

Lecture Chapter 14

Review for TEST 5

HW: Study for Test 5, Business Plan and Spending

- 4/22 TEST 5  
HW: Business Plan and Spending
- 4/27 **BUSINESS PLAN PROJECT DUE** (Everyone will turn in their project)  
Presentations by the following:  
Chaz Giles  
Gamston Whitaker  
Monica Craft  
Zach Brown
- 4/29 BUSINESS PLAN PROJECT PRESENTATIONS (continued)  
Chris Koronkowski  
Eric Ulbrich  
Austin Jones  
Zach Gibson
- 5/4 **SPENDING PROJECT DUE**
- 5/6 Review for FINAL
- 5/11 Review for FINAL
- 5/13 FINAL