***Gesu School Spanish Program***

**Grades 7/8th**

**Sra. Walsh**

***ᴉBienvenidas!*** I am looking forward to a wonderful year of Spanish with you. It is my hope that you will find this class both enjoyable and challenging. You can count on a relaxed and creative atmosphere which will help facilitate the learning process. Maintaining a good attitude, cultivating a spirit of cooperation, and putting forth your best effort will guarantee success both in the classroom and in your overall work.

**Goals**

1. To develop a comfortable familiarity with Spanish: You will grow towards feeling confident in environments in which Spanish is spoken exclusively.
2. To develop basic foreign language skills: You will build upon elements of language acquired throughout the year, as well as past knowledge. Specifically, you will learn how to conjugate regular and irregular verbs in Spanish, formulate Spanish questions and answer in complete Spanish sentences, feel comfortable with conversing, and writing in the present tense and familiarity with using commands while acquiring the vocabulary necessary to fulfill these goals.

**What You Can Expect Of Me:**

1. You can count on me to be prepared for every class.
2. You can depend on me to be focused on you and your learning experience.
3. You will find me available to answer any questions and offer additional help (at designated times in person and 7 days/ week via e-mail \*please allow me to respond within 24 hrs.) My e-mail address is lwalsh@gesu.com

**My Expectations Of You:**

1. Be prepared. Bring your Spanish folder, notebook and any pertinent materials previously discussed in class.
2. Be focused. Put your best effort forth and focus on every lesson.
3. Be ready to participate. Class participation is a critical and integral part of foreign language learning. You will receive points based on preparedness, attentiveness, co-operation, partner/group on-task involvement as well as efforts to use the foreign language. We will work together to create an atmosphere that is kind and respectful, where students are willing to learn and are not afraid to make mistakes or admit confusion.

The keys to a successful second language learning experience are a positive attitude, hard work and communication with the teacher, Let’s work together to have fun during this academic year as we learn to speak Spanish!