Required Text

Required Materials
Loose-leaf paper in a binder, or a notebook with perforated edges.
A folder for keeping assignments and handouts.

Description
This course is designed to discuss how the government of the United States is organized at the federal level. The course will develop both a knowledge of, and appreciation for, the government system through study of the United States Constitution. Students will analyze and interpret primary source materials.

Objectives
1. To understand the goals of a government;
2. To understand the roles of each branch of the federal government and the ways in which they interact with each other and with state and local governments;
3. To improve students’ reading, writing, and analytical skills.

Classroom Policies
Respect the instructor and classmates, the rules of the school (including dress code), and the classroom.

Come prepared each day with the textbook, binder or notebook, folder, writing instrument, agenda book and homework. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers for forgotten items. Being prepared contributes to the class participation portion of your grade.

Homework must be completed in blue or black pen on loose-leaf paper or perforated notebook paper (no fringes) and handed in on the day it is due. Late assignments will not be accepted without a valid excuse.

Students are responsible for getting assignments missed due to absence and turning them in within the time frame specified in the Holy Name Student Handbook. Homework is posted online each day.

Tests will be announced, quizzes may be announced or unannounced.

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student found to be cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero for the assignment and will receive further consequences according to the discretion of the teacher and administrators.

Students’ grades will be calculated as follows:
- Tests: 40%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Homework: 20%
- Class Participation: 10%

I am available for help after school Monday through Thursday from 1:50 -2:30 p.m.