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SHARING THE LATEST FROM OUR SPANISH CLASSROOM.

Hablamos español

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To have another language is to possess a second soul. - Charlemagne

Meet the Teacher

Welcome to Wildcat Spanish 2017-2018! My name is Carrie Toth and I teach Spanish 2, 3, and 4 here at SCHS. I graduated from Western Illinois University in 1993 with a Bachelor's in Spanish Education and from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville in 2011 with a Master's in Spanish Education. I am beginning my 24th year in the classroom and look forward to working with your student this year!

My husband James and I both work at SCHS. We grew up in Salem and are so happy to be serving our home town as staff of SCHS. We have a daughter, Allison, who is a sophomore at Southeast Missouri State University (but is currently studying abroad in Spain) and a son who is in 7th grade at Carlyle Junior High.

I teach Spanish by using Spanish. Most of us have heard someone say "I took 2 years of Spanish and I can't remember anything!" Research has shown that taking the focus off how the language works and putting it on exposing students to language in context is effective in making more fluent speakers. My classroom experience sides with the research! I have seen students become more confident and comfortable SPEAKING Spanish! Don't be surprised if they don't come home with worksheets and verb conjugations! Watch instead for things like music, short stories, and funny classroom stories!

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns! I am here to help them learn and love language!

- Carrie Toth, NBCT



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What are the benefits of learning another language?

“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things, but learning another way to think about things.” –Flora Lewis

Living in a small town, it can be difficult to see how our students benefit from studying a second language, especially dedicating four years to it!

The *New York Times* finds that bilinguals show greater mental flexibility! It will help your students perform better in ALL areas!
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/18/opinion/sunday/the-benefits-of-bilingualism.html?_r=0

USA Today research has shown that being bilingual can delay dementia. Begin training your student’s brain now to protect it in the future!

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2013/11/06/language-bilingual-dementia/3452549/>

For a great video about being bilingual:
http://fusion.net/american_dream/story/benefits-bilingual-11208

Each and every one of our students can be successful as a language learner. Just as we couldn’t rush them to speak as babies, we have to be patient in the second language classroom.

According to the *Chicago Tribune*, careers for bilinguals are on the rise. Our students are entering a competitive job market, what can we do to help them stand out in the crowd?? Encourage them to be bilingual!

http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-11-26/classified/chi-bilingual-jobs-20121126_1_foreign-language-foreign-language-fastest-growing-language

How LANGUAGE WORKS: Input



Students learn language best when they hear words that they know in real-life situations. Through storytelling and classroom discussions, we will learn language with little need to study outside the classroom. The required vocabulary will be on the board and students have control over some of the additional words that they learn. Ask your student to retell class stories to hear how they are progressing!

Ask for more information about the following SCHS Spanish Programs:

- **No D/F Policy**
- **Dual Credit with Kaskaskia College**
- **The AAPPL proficiency exam**
- **The Illinois Seal of Biliteracy**
- **Spanish Club**
- **Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Honor Society**
- **Classroom without Walls global giving initiative**

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