

Hello Founding Fathers Parents,

My name is Nancy Juday and I am excited to be teaching the Founding Fathers Class this year. I have taught this class for five years and am always eager to share the story of our country's founding with students. My husband Dave and I have lived in Clarke County for over 21 years where we have homeschooled our five children. Before moving to Clarke County, we lived in Arlington and I spent twelve years working on Capitol Hill. I have taught for many years at CCS and look forward to teaching again this year.

I have attached the class syllabus, which will serve as a guide for what topics will be covered throughout the year. Students can expect a homework assignment most weeks which will serve to reinforce the material covered that day in class. Each student will also be asked to make a biographical presentation at some point during the year. We will make those assignments at the beginning of the year and I will send information for expectations after the assignments have been made.

Students are expected to take minimal notes in my class, but I will write everything they need to have in their notes on the board. I will start slowly and give the students a chance to get used to the idea of copying from my board notes, but if your child is having difficulty with this, please let me know.

Each student will need to bring the following materials to class each week:

- A 1.5 inch binder divided into the five sections – Notes (with lined paper), Handouts, Homework, Timeline, Quizzes/Assignments
- A writing instrument – pen or pencil
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons
- Scissors and glue

I will have students read a biography each semester and then will give a quiz in class about the biography. The syllabus contains the names of the books and you should have plenty of time to purchase them or borrow them from the library or friends.

I have typically planned one or two field trips for the students in my class. My hope is we will be able to do these this year. My favorite has always been Montpelier, the home of James Madison. The Supreme Court and the Capitol have also been a favorites of mine. I will give plenty of notice and consult with families before any firm plans are made.

I look forward to a fun and productive year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. My phone number is 540-550-7372.

Please respond to this email and confirm that this is the best way to reach you.

Always,
Nancy Juday