

## **WELCOME BACK!**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and fun summer and I want to welcome you back to the brand new school year. I look forward to getting to know all of you. Here are a couple of items that will help you successfully navigate this class!

This year you will begin the first half of your Global Studies class. The curriculum is broken up into two years and at the end of the second year you will be required to take the NYS Regents exam. Here are the topics we will be covering this year:

**Introduction to Global History/Birth of Civilizations**  
**Spread of Civilizations Part I**  
**Spread of Civilizations Part II**  
**Belief Systems**  
**Medieval Period Part II**  
**Early Japan and Feudalism**  
**African Kingdoms/Renaissance and Reformation**  
**Absolutism**  
**Pre-Columbian/Age of Exploration**  
**Conclusion and Review of Course**