

Twitter in the Classroom

Instructions Sheet



CREATING AN ACCOUNT - Visit <http://www.twitter.com> to create an account. You will need an e-mail address in order to create an account. This Twitter account should be used exclusively for this class. In other words, you should not use this account for personal thoughts or posts. This account should be used exclusively for notes in Mr. Ippolito's class. If you already have a personal Twitter and you would like to create a new, separate Twitter account, see "Creating Multiple Twitter Accounts" below.

Please note there is a difference between your "Name" and your "Username." Your "Name" (what you first sign up with) should be your real first and last name (what people call you in real life). Your username can be something related to your personality or interests (**lovebieber94** or **born2playsoccer** or whatever), but please keep it school appropriate.

You can, at any time in the future, change your Name, your Username, or your E-mail Address associated with your account without erasing any of your tweets or other settings.

ADJUST YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS - Go to your main settings page and check the box that says "Protect My Tweets." By default, Twitter posts your tweets to the wide world, for all to see. I strongly recommend that, for now at least, you keep your class notes private.

CONNECT TO YOUR CELL PHONE - In settings, select the Mobile tab and enter your cell phone number. This is what connects your cell phone to your new Twitter account. If you previously used this cell phone to follow your class, it may need to be disconnected and reconnected. Simply follow the instructions in the Mobile tab, send the appropriate text message(s) to 40404 from your cell phone, and it will get you all set up.

START "FOLLOWING" YOUR CLASS - Using Twitter on the computer, use the Search box at the top to find your class (PER1IPP, PER2IPP, PER3IPP, PER4IPP, or PER5IPP). Once you have found the account for the class in which you are enrolled, click the word "Follow" next to it. You're now connected to your class!

Alternately, if you have successfully set up the connection to your Mobile device, you can text the word FOLLOW and then your class code (PER1IPP, PER2IPP, PER3IPP, PER4IPP, or PER5IPP) to 40404.

GIVE MR IPPOLITO PERMISSION TO FOLLOW YOUR ACCOUNT - If you plan to use this account for Mr. Ippolito's class, you need to give Mr. Ippolito permission to see your notes. Once you begin following PER1IPP, PER2IPP, PER3IPP, PER4IPP, or PER5IPP (depending on the class period you're in), Mr. Ippolito will see you as one of his followers and request to "follow" you back. If your account is public, I will start following you automatically. If you checked the box labeled "Protect My Tweets," then you will need to grant me permission to follow you before you can begin using Twitter in the Classroom.

(OPTIONAL) SET UP YOUR PROFILE - In Settings, select the Profile tab. Here, you can upload your profile picture, enter a short bio, or set your location (Stevenson Ranch, CA; West Ranch High School; Off In A World Of My Own, whatever). This is another way to personalize your account, but it's totally optional. Again, please keep all profile information school-appropriate.

***CREATING MULTIPLE TWITTER ACCOUNTS** - If you are already signed up to use Twitter for personal use (Mr. Ippolito actually manages 19 different Twitter accounts), then you will need to do one of two things: use an alternate e-mail address to create your new Twitter account OR you can use an e-mail alias if you use Gmail. For more information on Gmail aliases, read this article [here](#) or contact Mr. Ippolito.