



SENIOR YEAR CURRICULUM

IN SENIOR YEAR MODERN LITERATURE (SEMESTER 1) our students will read and discuss:

- selected poems from Hardy, Houseman, Yeats, Auden, Frost, Eliot, Bishop et al.
- classic novels such as Crime and Punishments and The Picture of Dorian Gray
- short stories by Wilde, Chekov, Poe, Hawthorn, and Robert Louis Stevenson
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare

IN SENIOR YEAR SENIOR THESIS (SEMESTER 2) our students will:

- reflect on the wisdom and practice the skills their Classical education has fostered
- wrestle with real world problems concerning human nature
- craft and support a thesis involving the “great conversation of great ideas”
- develop their reading list from the greatest works of literature they’ve not yet read

IN SENIOR YEAR MODERN WORLD HISTORY our students will:

- study the major events of world history from 1815-1953
- understand the ramifications of the French Revolution, industrialization, and nationalism
- explore various totalitarian ideologies from 1919 to the present day
- read and discuss accounts of the World Wars, the Cold War, and conflicts in the Middle East

IN SENIOR YEAR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS our students will:

- read and study major speeches and essays in the history of American political thought
- understand the moral vision of the American Founding and the purposes of the Constitution
- recognize the way Progressives have transformed the constitutional order
- read selections from Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville

IN SENIOR YEAR CALCULUS (OR AP CALCULUS AB) our students will study:

- the derivative function and the differentiation of monomials and polynomials
- the calculus method of finding roots
- geometrical and analytical treatment of maxima and minima
- logarithmic and exponential functions and their applications

IN SENIOR YEAR FOREIGN LANGUAGE our students will:

- continue to study either French or Spanish at the intermediate level
- learn proper pronunciation and accent of vowel and consonant sounds
- continue to build a vocabulary of everyday words and conversational phrases
- regularly engage in conversational dialogues

IN SENIOR YEAR SCIENCE our students will choose one or two of the following courses:

- Astronomy
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics I

AS SENIORS STUDENTS MAY ALSO TAKE SEMESTER ELECTIVES IN ART & MUSIC

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SENIOR YEAR LITERATURE

Major Works

The Picture of Dorian Gray
Crime and Punishment by Dostoevsky
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
Democracy in America by de Toqueville
Ivan Denisovich by A. Solzhenitsyn

Short Stories

“The Canterville Ghost” by Oscar Wilde
“The Kiss” by Anton Chekov
“William Wilson” by Edgar Allan Poe
“Markheim” by Robert Louis Stevenson
“Ethan Brand” by Nathaniel Hawthorn
“The Body Snatcher” by R.L. Stevenson

Poems

“Hap” by Thomas Hardy
“Easter 1916” by William Butler Yates
“God’s Grandeur” by G.M. Hopkins
“Sailing to Byzantium” by W.B. Yates
“Musée des Beaux Artes” by W.H. Auden
“Fern Hill” by Dylan Thomas
“Digging” by Seamus Heaney
“The Oven Bird” by Robert Frost
“The Waste Land” by T.S. Eliot
“Sunday Morning” by Wallace Stevens
“The Fish” by Elizabeth Bishop
“Skunk Hour” by Robert Lowell