

Dear Parent and Student:

Welcome back to another academic year at Middle Creek High School. This is a special year for both parents and child as it is the senior year. Not only will everyone be excited about senior activities but also will be excited about planning for college. This year your child has chosen to enroll in the AP Humanities class. It is a class that combines the curricula of the AP English IV class and the AP European History class. It was taught for the first time last year and many students found it to be a valuable class. It helped the students understand the concept of how all elements of society fit together while studying the history of a particular region of the world. Students will be learning about all of the phases of European life from the 1300s to the present.

Students will be preparing for two Advanced Placement exams: one in AP Literature and Composition and one in AP European History. Students will be reading classic novels of each historical time period studied. The writing assignments and tests will be based upon the types of writing and tests required for both exams.

Another component of the class will take place during the first quarter of the class. Students will receive instruction and help in filling out applications and other forms necessary for college entrance. Students will receive help and instruction in the writing of their college application essays and/or introductory writing.

This course is a yearlong course. Students will be scheduled into one block of time for the entire year. They will earn one credit of English and one credit of history. The credit of English will be their required credit for graduation. Remember, if a student passes both AP exams, then he/she will also earn one credit of college level English and one credit of college level history.

As the teacher of this class, I have very set very high goals, objectives, and expectations for the students. My main goal is to help the students to think and work at a college freshman level. This will prepare them the most as they transition from high school to college. They must learn to take total responsibility for their own actions and then be able to apply that responsibility when they leave home and high school behind.

The Class of 2006 is under a senior exam exemption policy that will be in effect for this class for both terms. However, AP exams are not exempt, and I encourage and expect all enrolled in this class to take the AP exams.

Parents are encouraged to contact me any time about the class or about their own student's progress. My email address is gosborn@wcpss.net, or you may call the school at 773-3838.

I am excited about the class, and I hope that the students will find the class beneficial for them.

Sincerely,

Mr. Osborn