

Pascack Period Session B

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Title: Once Upon a Pascack Class: Fairy Tales and their Cultural Impact

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 226

Description: This course will explore fairy tales by Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. Students will read the original stories and discuss their cultural impact as well as their adaptations. We will focus on Disney Corps modification to the fairy tales to please an audience.

Title: SASS (Statistics and Social Studies)

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 115

Description: This course will focus on the use of math and statistics in the field of social studies. Topics will include current events, politics, economics, financial markets, environmental issues, civics, and geography, along with students topics of interest.

Title: Recreation Games

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: New Gymnasium

Description: The students will be able to participate in various stress free recreation games such as ping pong, ladder ball, bocce, etc. They will learn the basic rules of each game so they fully understand how to play the games properly.

Title: Theatre 2(46)01

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 163

Description: This course will offer options for students interested in theatre performance/production and similar entertainment-related majors/careers. It will incorporate a lot of what theatre is and the research that goes into making a show on scales similar to what the PV Theatre does.

Title: SAT Prep

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 120

Description: This SAT PREP class is designed to help prepare students for the new SAT. Students will become familiar with the format of the test and learn strategies for solving math problems. Much time will be devoted to practice problems similar to those on the SAT, while going over topics including Algebra, Problem Solving and Analysis, and Geometry and Trigonometry.

Title: History Through Comedy: Political Humor

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 211

Description: This class is geared toward students who enjoy humor and history. We will look at some of the twentieth century comedians, comic teams/actors and how their acts, routines, movies and TV shows reflected history during different eras. We will also monitor this year's Presidential Election and look closely at Political Humor, intended, or not.

Title: MOOC Facilitation Lab

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 127

Description: A MOOC is the hottest thing in online learning. It stands for "Massive Open Online Course". Colleges and Universities across the world offer these courses on a rolling basis for free to anyone who wants to take them. You can learn computer programming from Stanford, Physics of Superheroes from Duke, or the Movies of Denzel Washington from the University of Chicago...plus thousands more for any interest. These are actual college courses, but there is no fee and they do not bear college credit. However, with successful completion, completion of the college course can be noted on your transcript! This Lab will give students a space to work on their MOOC courses and a teacher will be available to assist!

Title: "Rock of Ages: Exploring the impact and influences of Rock 'n' Roll"

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 203

Description: "Rock of Ages" will explore the societal and historical influences and impacts of Rock 'n' Roll. Beginning with the 1950s and continuing into future decades, students will examine the impact Rock musicians had on multiple time periods, as well as the influences they had when creating music. The class will also analyze song lyrics, specifically focusing on how the various time periods shaped the content and topics of the songs.

Title: Smoking foods

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 113

Description: Discuss the ideas, techniques, and materials needed to smoke all types of foods. We will talk about the science behind the process. We will make our own rubs and will cook a variety of types of foods.

Title: History of Rocky Balboa

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 213

Description: The Rocky Balboa name has grown into a billion franchise. The course will examine the growth of the movie icon from the beginning to today. We will watch and examine where Rocky has come from and where the story continues to grow with new movies coming out.

Title: College Application Readiness

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 112

Description: This course will assist students in completing all aspects of the college application process-the Common Application, school-specific applications, sending standardized test scores, transcript release forms, recommender forms, essays, and more. Independent work as well as some topic discussions will be utilized. Two counselors will always be available to answer questions.

Title: Roots of Middle Eastern Terrorism

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 108

Description: This class will trace the foundations of modern terrorism in the Middle East from the founding of Israel to the present day. Students will learn about the different terror groups such as Hama, Hezbollah, ISIS and al Qaeda, why they were founded, what policies have enabled them, and what we are doing to stop them.

Title: Film Theory: Education Through Movies and TV

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 202

Description: Film Theory: Education Through Movies and TV or Film Theory for short is a Pascack Period course based around The Film Theorists YouTube Channel. This channel is the second created by MatPat, the host of Game Theory. On this channel, as opposed to focusing on video games, this channel takes deeper look into the scientific, mathematical, psychological, and other origins of movies and television.

Title: Light in the Valley

Duration: Fall Semester (Session B)

Room: 200

Description: Light in the Valley, also known as LIV, has been a part of the PV community for the past few years. This Pascack Period will spread awareness and fight against modern-day sex trafficking in and out of the United States. For those who do not know, sex trafficking happens in places you may not expect. It could even happen in a community near us. To sum up, sex trafficking involves the forced prostitution of women, although it does fall upon men as well, often children aged 14-16. In the year of 2016-2017, we will introduce the class with the movie, Tricked, which tells stories of numerous victims and explains what sex trafficking is, and we hope to get in contact with someone involved in fighting against the cause or a victim who is comfortable sharing his or her story. Our session will consist of a Bra Collection Drive, working directly with the government to pass a law to post the human trafficking hot-line number in all rest stops in New Jersey, and overall raising awareness in our community.

Title: Role playing games, design, development and gameplay.

Duration: Fall Semester (Session A & B)

Room: 126

Description: In this half year course, you will learn the classic role playing games, focusing on play, scenario development, and the historical and/or literacy context of the games.

Title: Cookie Preparation and Baking

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 116

Description: Students will learn how to prepare a variety of cookies such as bar cookies, drop cookies, rolled cookies, pressed cookies, and molded cookies.

Title: Diversity @ PV

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 178

Description: This course will be available to students who wish to discuss issues that are related to diversity. We will address acceptance within the PV community.

Title: History of Video Gaming

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 224

Description: Students will explore the evolution of video games. From the early days of the Atari system, through Nintendo, Sega, SNES, and Playstation. Students will experience the changes first hand and will understand the importance of these games to our culture.

Title: Indians Helping Indians

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 214

Description: This class will provide the opportunity to directly help Lakota Sioux tribe members on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The course is in preparation to bring eleventh grade student volunteers to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in Eagle Butte, South Dakota in the summer of 2017; however the course is open to any juniors interested in learning and fundraising for the Cheyenne River Youth Project.

Title: PV Smoke Signal Workshop

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 209

Description: This is a workshop for members of The Smoke Signal to gather and work on things related to the paper. Students will come up with story ideas, collaborate to decide angles and leads, write and edit stories, work on photo and video content, and generally learn in ins and outs of student journalism.

Title: Sisterhood and Society

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 205

Description: This course seeks to create conversation about those students concerned with women's rights, struggles, and triumphs NOW and in the past. The course will involve viewing media images (film, commercials, music videos, songs, web sites, Twitter hashtags) and reading articles to reveal how women are represented in society, it will allow students to have open conversation on a variety of topics related to women in society, and it will encourage exploration of creative ways to create positive change in the world along gender lines. Students will ideally gain a supportive community of students in which they can express their experiences, concerns and opinions in a safe space.

Title: The Star Wars Universe: Past, Present and Future

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 110

Description: This course will be centered around watching and discussing Star Wars. This will include the movies, cartoons and even books. Students will have an active role in the class.

Title: Yogilates

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: Dance Room

Description: A blend of the ancient practice of Yoga, and the modern approach of Pilates, to achieve overall wellness, body and mind.

Title: The Photo Pros: Taking Your Photography Skills to the Next Level

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 150

Description: Students with prior photo experience will collaborate with the teacher to design photo events for the general population of PV. For example, Travel Photography Tips and Tricks, Shooting Family Holiday Cards with Smart Phones, Introduction to Instagram, Creating Your Own Photo Book, Photogram Fun in the Darkroom, etc.

Title: Eating Disorder Awareness and Education

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: 117

Description: Eating Disorders are very serious, life-threatening Mental Illness that have become very prevalent in our society. Eating Disorder Awareness and Education will cover everything from symptoms to prevention techniques to ways of helping others who suffer from these illnesses. As a class, we will also be doing many community-service activities that will engage the school as well as the community. We will be working on the “need to bEAT” Campaign for Eating Disorder Research that is raising money for the Boston Children’s Hospital adolescent Eating Disorder research program.

Title: Hockey

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: Old Gymnasium

Description: Students will have an opportunity to participate in competitive 6 v 6 hockey games.

Title: Principles of Strength & Conditioning

Duration: Full Year (Session B)

Room: Fitness Room

Description: Students will be introduced to beginning, intermediate and advanced concepts in weight training.

Title: Guitar 101

Duration: Full Year (Session A & B)

Room: 131

Description: This course welcomes students from different skill levels. Beginners are welcomed to learn the basics of guitar, while intermediates and experts can refine their skills. Students will learn music theory as well as common patterns and practices of music.

Title: Finale: Putting Together an Original Musical

Duration: Full Year (Session A & B)

Room: 207

Description: Students will get the opportunity to audition for and/or help produce a musical written by students. Everyone who auditions will be cast, and everyone who signs up to help out will get the chance to do so. Rehearsals will be conducted during Pasack Period for the whole year, with additional rehearsals after school during the months of April and May. The show is set for June 1st and June 2nd at 7:00pm. For more information about the show, the calendar of rehearsals and more, visit our website at www.finalemusical.weebly.com.

Title: ZEN Coloring for Stress Relief

Duration: Full Year (Session A & B)

Room: 170

Description: Students will be involved in the relaxation of ZEN coloring while listening to calming music.

Title: Mural Painting

Duration: Full Year (Session A & B)

Room: 144

Description: Students will learn about the history of mural paintings and contemporary mural artists. They will create and submit mural designs. Students should have some artistic ability and a desire to be a part of a group that works together to create permanent murals in the corridors of PVHS.

Title: Deconstructing Disney: Analyzing Gender, Class and Race in Disney/Pixar Films

Duration: Full Year (Session A & B)

Room: 215

Description: This course will examine the portrayal of gender, class and race in several Disney and Disney/Pixar films. Preliminary titles for examination include, but are not limited to: Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Aladdin, Finding Nemo, The Little Mermaid, Cars, and Inside Out.