

Quincy Public Schools Extended Educational Programs

Quincy High School Winter Session 2014



The Quincy High **Winter School Social Studies** course is off to a great start. This credit recovery course taught by Mr. Kevin Carey is designed for the student who has a basic grasp of the academic, social, and civic expectations, and is able to apply these skills in and out of the classroom. The course examines the political, economic and social developments that have occurred throughout the world since WWII. Topics include: The Cold War, the rise of the superpower, the fall of communism, the impact of nuclear weapons, the origins of new threats to national security, the impact of religion, and patterns of economic development. These topics are studied from a global perspective, and comparisons are made between different regions. The topics are highly relevant to current affairs and lead to an understanding of the contemporary world. Instruction is provided using a variety of materials. This year's class has a good understanding of the coursework and materials, and is using 21st Century Learning to not only follow the course syllabus, but also to use creative thinking with the technology that is provided. Currently, the 18 students in this year's class are using the computer lab for their long composition writing assignment, taking information that was instructed and discussed in small groups, doing research on-line, and completing their assignment using the Massachusetts Core Curriculum Frameworks. This information reinforces and extends students' mastery of basic academic, social,



and civic concepts.

Quincy High School's SAT Prep Program is a ten week course where students learn and review test taking strategies, shortcuts, and critical thinking skills. This year Ms. Rosa Lee is teaching the **SAT Prep Math** section which covers basic arithmetic questions to complex word problems. 13 Students are not only getting the opportunity to take full-length SAT practice tests, but also to retrieve mathematical concepts from Algebra I, II and Geometry. The class allows students to become familiar with the exam and testing environment which will enhance their ability to achieve a higher score.

Taught by Ms. Sara Estis, in this year's **Winter School English** course 12 students are examining twentieth and twenty-first century literature by examining the genre of dystopia with a view to understanding its common traits, as well as its connection to modern day society through government, oppression, inequality, and surveillance. The Students will read *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry in order to examine how two different authors adapted and adjusted generic traits to respond to different socio-political circumstances and concerns, as well as by comparing and contrasting the two authors' work. The class will further study literary themes and character conflict through the study of these two novels.

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Looking for an affordable SAT Prep Course?
Just \$225 for SAT Prep from
Winter Session at NQHS!!

SAT Prep Course concludes Wednesday, April 30th.
Just in time for the May 3th SAT Test Date.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- SAT Prep Winter School is a nine week program offered at North Quincy High School.
- Course includes 9 weeks of SAT Math prep and 9 weeks of SAT Writing and Critical Reading prep.
- In the SAT Math prep course, students get the chance to practice solving an array of real, previously-released SAT Math problems provided by College Board. The prep classes are split by difficulty level to ensure an increase in test prep and math skills knowledge.
- In the SAT English prep course, students study a different facet of the SAT entrance exam. The first half of the course will be focused on the Critical Reading portion of the exam, with a specialized look into vocabulary and sentence completion, short passages, long passages and paired passages. The second half of the course will be focused on the Writing portion of the exam, with a specialized look at sentence structure and constructing a well-written essay.
- In the SAT prep course students will be learning the ins and outs of the SAT by practicing with weekly drills and helpful tools, as learning how to take the test is imperative to success on the test. Students in this class will enter the SAT with experience and confidence.



Winter School Credit Recovery- Humanities

COURSE OVERVIEW: In this reading intensive course we will explore significant works of American Literature and history. We will learn to read critically and examine the values and cultural mores of the historical periods giving you the opportunity to reflect on the complex forces at play in the development of each text. Additionally, in this course your analytical and interpretive skills are utilized in class discussions, tests and, essay writing and research.



ASSESSMENT TOOLS:

I may use any of the following to assess your performance in this class:

**Teacher observations, Group discussions,
Homework assignments, Class participation, Presentations,
Various writing assignments** (including rough drafts and finished products)