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## History Comes Alive at Knight

The Knight High School History Department is proud to announce the launch of History Comes Alive at Knight. This year-long celebration of history knowledge will kick off in history classrooms with an introduction to this year's theme: Rights and Responsibilities in History.

As students examine history through this lens, they will keep a list of topics related to the theme which interest them and research them. They will then create projects based on one of those topics which showcase their knowledge and understanding. These projects will be entered into the History Comes Alive at

Knight competition at the end of the school year. Winners of this competition will be eligible to win college scholarships, which will be donated by the History Through Film Club.

Various other events which celebrate history will take place throughout the school year. These events include monthly movie screenings hosted by the History Through Film Club, scavenger hunts, a 1920's-themed winter jubilee in December, and possibly field trips.

To be kept informed about dates of events, rules for the



culminating competition, and more, please see our website, follow us on Twitter, or sign up to receive reminders via Remind 101 (see page 6 for web address, etc.)

## Knight at the Movies

In the spirit of fun, the History Department and History Through Film Club



will host a 20's themed celebration on Friday, December 5, 2014 at KHS. Our illustrious KHS marching band will perform tunes from the much-loved historical era and performances by student dance groups will open the

festivities in the commons area. This will be followed by a screening of "Singin' in the Rain" in the KHS theatre. Snacks will also be sold. Students, parents, and staff are welcome to attend. For more information please see our website (see pg 6).

## Mr. Stephan: World History AP



Department Chair of the History Department, sole instructor of the World History AP (WHAP) course, and Instructional Coach are only some of the hats which Mr. Stephan wears at Knight High School. Despite the many and varied responsibilities he fulfills on campus, Mr. Stephan's main priority has always been teaching his WHAP students and preparing them for the AP exam. With one of the highest WHAP exam passing rates in the district, Mr. Stephan's dedication to his

students' success is made evident. WHAP is a two-semester course made up of college-level curriculum which surveys world history from 8,000 B.C. to the present. It examines the history of Africa, the Americas, Asia, Oceania, and Europe from the foundations of human civilization to the modern era.

This year's WHAP exam will take place on May 14, 2015.

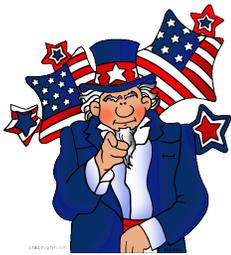
The first in-class unit exam will take place on September 19, 2014

and will cover chapters 1-7 in the Strayer text. An optional, but highly recommended, study session for this exam will take place on September 16th immediately after school in room 122.

Follow Mr. Stephan on Remind 101: text @9e0d0 to (760) 854-4127

Or e-mail a blank message to 9e0d0@mail.remind.com

## Mr. Johnson: AP United States History



Boasting the highest AP U.S. History (APUSH) pass rate in the entire district, Mr. Johnson is a force to be reckoned with. This semester, Mr. Johnson's students have begun with an exploration of North American Native American tribes and have transitioned to examining the foundations of our great nation. Mr. Johnson is also the

primary organizer of AP Club field trips. This year AP students will travel to the Reagan Library in May. A senior trip to San Diego is also planned.

Mr. Johnson highly recommends that students acquire a 2014-15 APUSH test prep book. Acquiring a copy of

Robert V. Remini's "A Short History of the United States" is also recommended.

This year's APUSH exam will take place on May 8, 2015.

The first in-class unit exam will take place on September 5, 2014.

E-mail Mr. Johnson at SSJohnson@avhsd.org

## Mr. Fluharty: AP Government & Policy



Mr. Fluharty is one of the most beloved senior teachers on campus. Through his AP Government classes and his many years as a Cross Country/Track coach, he has inspired a multitude of students to fulfill their potential as students, athletes, and young adults.

This year, Mr. Fluharty's AP students will examine a variety of topics including the Constitutional underpinnings of our government, how citizens can organize to communicate their interests and concerns, and the development of civil liberties. Students compile their

assignments in a portfolio which is collected for grading at the end of each unit.

Follow Mr. Fluharty on Remind 101: text @coachfluha to (408) 458-8041

Visit Mr. Fluharty's class website at coachflu.org

## Ms. Simon: United States History, AVID

“We are all stories in the end.” This best sums up Ms. Simon’s approach to teaching history. Through the telling of stories of real people who were faced with extraordinary circumstances and who responded with exceptional courage, Ms. Simon helps students paint a vibrant picture of the past. Along the way, students are taught to analyze and piece together historical evidence, to make connections between past and present, and

to think like historians. Ms. Simon is passionate about creating critical thinkers who are prepared for their senior year, for college, and the professional world.

Requests for help are always honored. Respect is both given and expected. Rigor is the norm. A strong work ethic is required. Success in Ms. Simon’s class is earned.

Unit 1 study guide due September 8, 2014.

Ghost File project due September 11, 2014.

Please scan the QR code for Ms. Simon’s contact information.



## Ms. Kramer: United States History, AVID

Each year Ms. Kramer guides her students to rediscover the story of our nation and explore the American identity, past and present. Ms. Kramer’s class provides students a survey of American History starting from the philosophies that formed the foundation of our society, to its development and current

status as a major world power. Each class session serves as an interactive seminar in which students participate in class discussions, cooperative learning projects, and practice basic research methods. Ms. Kramer regularly implements strategies that promote teamwork, community, and

citizenry.

Follow Ms. Kramer on Remind 101: text @11ush to (669) 800-5927

Visit Ms. Kramer’s class website at [www.mskramersclass.weebly.com](http://www.mskramersclass.weebly.com)



## Ms. Sawyer: World History, Civics/Economics

Known as a teacher who is deeply caring and trusted by students, Ms. Sawyer is a highly valued member of the KHS History department. In her world history class, students have just finished learning about democracy and the roles that Greece, Rome, and other

influences played in helping form America’s laws and judicial system. They will now move on to examine the Enlightenment, the American Revolution, and the roles they each played in forming our government.

In Economics students have

been learning about the foundation and various driving factors of economics. A project which explored these ideas and asked students to set up their own “dream business” was recently due.

E-mail Ms. Sawyer at [CSawyer@avhdsd.org](mailto:CSawyer@avhdsd.org).



## Mr. Robinson: World History, Civics/Economics



As a Social Science teacher, Mr. Robinson believes it is important to go beyond historical concepts and convey the significance of citizenship and the necessity of global awareness. Education is a pathway for students to learn, grow and develop into active members of society.

This semester Civics students will pursue a deeper understanding of the institutions of American government. They will

compare systems of government in the world today and analyze the history and changing interpretations of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the current state of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.

The first in-class unit exam for Civics students will take place on September 5, 2014.

World History students in Mr. Robinson's class will study

major turning points that shaped the modern world from the late 18th century through the present. They will trace the rise of democratic ideas and develop an understanding of the historical roots of current world issues.

E-mail Mr. Robinson at [MRobinson@avhsd.org](mailto:MRobinson@avhsd.org)

Visit Mr. Robinson's class website at [www.khs-robinson.com](http://www.khs-robinson.com)

## Mr. Marshall: World History

Though Mr. Marshall maintains a quiet presence on campus, he is well-respected by his students and has enjoyed great success as a teacher at KHS. Students in his world history class are currently studying European feudalism and recently took a quiz.

As with most social science

courses, note-taking plays an important role in the learning process. Once taken, students are to review them on a regular basis at home in order to prepare for upcoming in-class quizzes and tests.

Mr. Marshall can be reached via e-mail at [RMarshall@avhsd.org](mailto:RMarshall@avhsd.org)



## Mr. Arcega: Civics/Economics



This semester in Mr. Arcega's economics class, students will learn real life activities/projects that can assist them after high school. Students will work collaboratively to create a simulated business with their own website to promote their product(s) or service(s). They will also learn how to invest in the

stock market by creating a portfolio using the U.S. stock market. Students will create a portfolio online and can track them weekly to monitor their progress. The groups will compete with their group portfolios all semester. The top four (4 stock) portfolios in the end of the semester will be

rewarded with bonus points toward semester grades.

E-mail Mr. Arcega at [AArcega@avhsd.org](mailto:AArcega@avhsd.org) or visit his class website at [www.aarcega.weebly.com](http://www.aarcega.weebly.com)

## Mrs. Parsons: World History, United States History

Mrs. Parsons' course is meant to be intriguing, challenging, and thought-provoking. She consistently challenges students to create original work while analyzing the past and putting the present into context. On the road to accomplishing this, students will complete primary source journals and various writing assignments which are based on historical documents.

Mrs. Parsons is also the KHS Mock Trial coach. Through Mock Trial, students experience

the excitement of working in teams, exchanging ideas, setting goals, and examining pertinent legal issues. They create legal arguments which are then used to compete in the AVUHSD Mock Trial tournament which is held at the A.V. Courthouse each spring. This year's team is forming now. New members are welcome!

Follow Mrs. Parsons on Remind 101:  
U.S. History: text @4ef95 to (424) 543-7598

World History: text @665f0c to (424) 543-5457

Follow Mrs. Parsons on Twitter: KHSParsons

E-mail Mrs. Parsons at KParsons@avhds.org

Visit Mr. Parson's class website at:  
www.mrsparsonslveshistory.weebly.com



## Hawks' AP Hub

Knight High School proudly offers its students the strongest AP program in the district. Our history department, in particular, enjoys enormous success each year. Students are taught rigorous, college-level curriculum in order to prepare them for the AP exam in May. Those who pass the exam are

eligible for college credit. Acquiring AP prep books and materials is highly recommended. For specific book titles and supplemental materials please contact our AP teachers (see page 2 of this newsletter).



## History Through Film Club

Like written history, contemporary Hollywood feature films are an interpretation of their society. They, too, may be considered historical evidence, for they share some properties with written history. Like traditional historical materials, such as

diaries and newspapers, films reflect the society that produced them.

On the last Wednesday of each month, the History Through Film Club will host a screening of a film related to material covered in KHS history classes. All students are welcome to

attend. At these screenings, snacks will be sold by the club. These funds will go toward scholarships to be earned by the winners of the History Comes Alive at Knight competition, which will be held in May. More information will be made available soon.



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