

## **HHS Special Course Descriptions 2017-18**

### **HUMANITIES HONORS**

**Grades 10, 11, 12**

**Credit 1**

The course includes the study of literature, history, philosophy, art, music, and architecture of western culture beginning with the classical world of the Greeks and Romans and concluding with the contemporary world. Some outside readings are required. A 90 average in English is recommended.

### **CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY**

**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12**

**Credit .5**

Classical Mythology is a rigorous introductory study of the primary characters and most important stories of classical Greek and Roman mythology, including the most famous classical myth, the Trojan War. Mythology by Edith Hamilton is studied.

### **ETYMOLOGY HONORS**

**Grades 10, 11, 12**

**Credit .5**

Etymology is designed to instruct students in recognizing Latin and Greek word elements thereby making the knowledge of them an effective tool for increasing vocabulary. The demanding curriculum expects students to be able to analyze words fully and to define them. Other topics included in the curriculum are semantics and medical and legal terminology.

### **FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES**

**Grades 10, 11, 12**

**Credit .5**

Facing History and Ourselves will be taught using the principles and resources of the Facing History and Ourselves Organization. The class will examine mankind's methods to promote knowledge, values, and skills needed to preserve and protect democracy. Students will also explore issues of racism and violence as well as those of courage, caring, and compassion for all humanity.

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### **AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**Grades 11, 12**

**Credit .5**

African American Literature is a chronological survey in all genres from its beginnings to the present day. This course emphasizes African American writing as a literary art within the cultural, political, and historical context of African American experiences in the United States.