

Specialized English Classes for Students Going Into 11th Grade

Choice of:

- AP Capstone Seminar
- AP Language and Composition



AP CAPSTONE SEMINAR

Fills your English 11 requirement and gives you the opportunity to:

- Develop your argumentation skills.
- Become a critical, independent thinker.
- Thrive in a student-centered classroom.
- Explore and analyze **short nonfiction texts**.
- Have the freedom to pursue real-world, current or historical topics.
- Participate in project-based learning.
- Collaborate with a team.
- Work independently.
- Prepare for college experiences in multiple subject areas.
- Make improvements in research and presentation skills.



AP Language and Composition



AP English Language and Composition is an introductory college-level composition course.

Students cultivate their understanding of writing and rhetorical arguments through reading and analyzing texts such as *The Crucible*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Great Gatsby*, current events, speeches, essays, and much more.

Become a more
savvy consumer

Argue for a later
curfew

Defend a
position in front
of an audience

Become a more
informed and
engaged citizen

A year in AP Lang can help you...

Identify flaws in
others'
arguments

Develop a more
sophisticated style
and voice

Grow more
confident in
class discussions

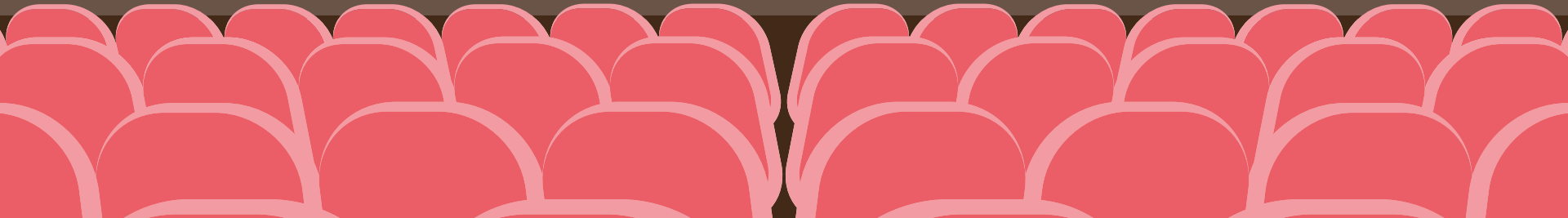
Specialized English Class for Students Going Into 12th Grade

Choice of:

- English 12 Honors (ACE Course)
 - AP Capstone Research
 - AP Literature & Composition

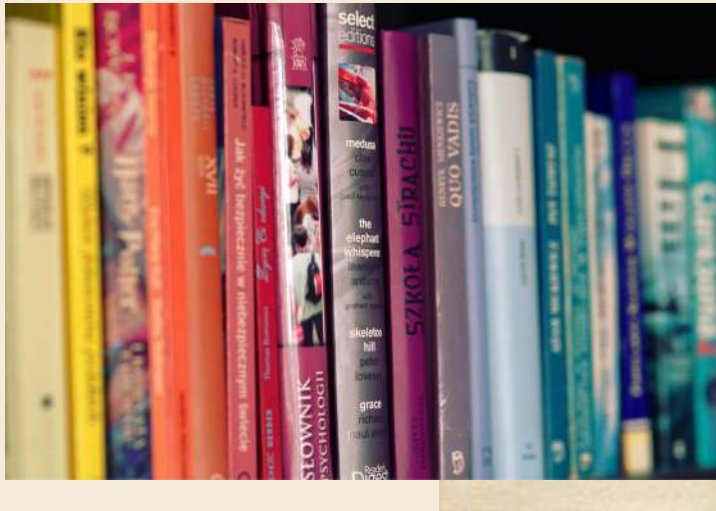
ENGLISH 12 HONORS / ACE

- ***INTRO TO LITERATURE 1/2 YEAR***
- ***INTRO TO FILM 1/2 YEAR***



INTRODUCTION TO FICTION (SEMESTER 1)

- ***ANALYZE LITERATURE AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL***
- ***YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO GET 3 COLLEGE CREDITS FOR THIS COURSE THROUGH THE ACE PROGRAM AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY***



***READ & ANALYZE A VARIETY OF LITERATURE
POTENTIAL TITLES INCLUDE:***

- ***FRANKENSTEIN***
- ***AND THEN THERE WERE NONE***
- ***WUTHERING HEIGHTS***
- ***NOVEL OF YOUR CHOOSING***

INTRODUCTION TO FILM (SEMESTER 2)



- ***EXAMINE FILM AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL***
 - ***ANALYZE FILM TECHNIQUES, CINEMATOGRAPHY, EDITING, ACTING, MUSIC AND MORE***
- ***GET AN ADDITIONAL 3 COLLEGE CREDITS THROUGH THE ACE PROGRAM***
- ***THAT'S A TOTAL OF 6 CREDITS THAT YOU CAN GET BY TAKING THE CLASS!***



A SAMPLE OF POTENTIAL FILMS INCLUDE:

- ***CASABLANCA***
- ***VERTIGO***
- ***TENET / INCEPTION (CHRIS NOLAN UNIT)***
- ***THE PHILADELPHIA STORY***
- ***SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE***

Most ELA Electives are half-year classes that can be taken in the
FALL or the SPRING

Whether you like to **Read It, Write It,
Listen to It, Watch It, Speak Up About
It, or Act It Out**

**The English Department has
something fun for you!**

Which English elective is for you?



Love film/pop culture?

- Film and Lit 1&2
- 20th Century American Pop Culture
- Theater Arts
- Science Fiction

Aspiring writer?

- Creative Writing 1&2
- Journalism
- Film and Lit 1&2
- Science Fiction

Dreaming of being on stage/air?

- Journalism
- Theater Arts
- SpeakUp!

Always lost in a book?

- Creative Writing
- Film and Lit 1&2
- Science Fiction
- Discover NY

Like to keep to yourself?

- Creative Writing 1&2
- Speak Up!
- Film and Lit 1&2
- Discover NY
- Science Fiction

Tech savvy?

- Journalism
- Film and Lit 1&2

Sharpening your skills for the future?

- College Advisory
- Speak Up!

Want to learn more?



SPEAK UP!

Open to all students!

***BUILDING CONFIDENT SPEAKERS,
ONE SEMESTER AT A TIME!***

Need to ***PARTICIPATE*** more in class?

NERVOUS during presentations?

Love to ***DEBATE*** others?

Speak ***TOO SOFTLY?***

Say ***"LIKE"*** or ***"UM"*** too much?

Want to be an even ***STRONGER*** speaker?

Want to prepare for ***CAPSTONE?***

DON'T BE THIS GUY!
SIGN UP FOR
SPEAK UP!

For my presentation today, I'll be reading the powerpoint slides word for word.



ecards.com

**WHEN I SPEAK IN FRONT OF
CLASS**



Creative Writing

- Write about areas that interest you, including poetry!
- Start your own novel, play, or collection of stories!
- Imitate your favorite author!
- Learn in a workshop setting.
- Receive lots of feedback in a low-stress environment.
- Publish your work (and maybe win some awards!)
- Have fun with writing!!! (Is that really possible???)

*Creative Writing 2
may be taken up to
three times!*



Theater Arts - Full Year Course - (Open to all students)

(This may be taken up to 3 times as an English elective, Art or Music Credit)

Want to tap into your creative side?

Some of the topics we work on:

Improvisation Games (ie: *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*),
Solo/Group work, Monologues/Scenes, Theater History,
Theater Production (Set & Costume Design &
Lighting/Sound), **Sketch Comedy, Writing/Directing &**
Analyzing plays and films.

**Whether you are shy or love the spotlight,
this class is for you!**

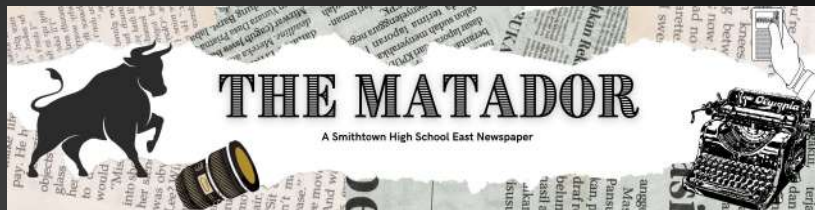


JOURNALISM

*Can be taken as a half-year or full year course

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

- Emphasis on both broadcast *and* print journalism
- print journalism includes: editing, writing, photojournalism, and more!
- broadcast journalism includes: script writing, digital editing, camera and computer technology, developing a camera presence
- Strengthen your writing, speaking, and observational skills
- Learn how to think like a journalist while writing about subjects you love!



Be a part of our developing newspaper, *The Matador*, where you'll create articles based on topics that interest you. Subjects include teacher interviews, arts and music, sports, in-school/community events, and more! Be creative!

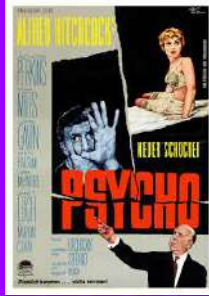
Check out our broadcast!



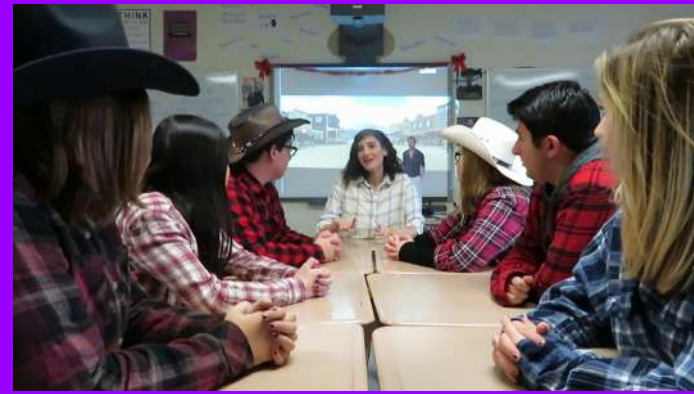
Also be a part of our morning announcements, where we'll keep everyone up to date on what's happening at Smithtown High School East! Our broadcast emphasizes real-world skills that will be applicable not only for a career in journalism, but in any path you choose (e.x. Public speaking, building a comfortable relationship with peers, etc.). The broadcast also gives you the opportunity to show your personality as we add our own magic touches to our announcements.



FILM & LIT



Take Film & Lit
1 & 2
in any order!



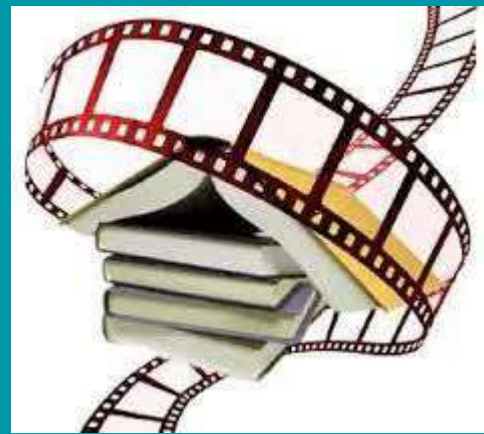
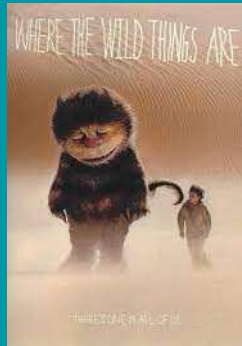
Focus: Studying the Language of Movies, the Process of Adapting, and How to Analyze a Film

Films Studied: Classic and Modern

- **Selections include:** La La Land, Arrival, A.I., Beasts of the Southern Wild, Psycho, True Grit and more!

Genres: Horror, Magical Realism, Sci-Fi, Thriller, Western, War, and Period Films

FILM & LIT 2



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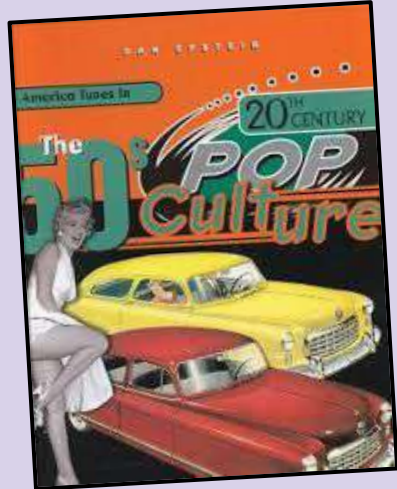
Films Studied: Classic and Modern

- Selections include: Little Women, First Man, The Batman, Rear Window, Where the Wild Things Are, Dunkirk, and more!

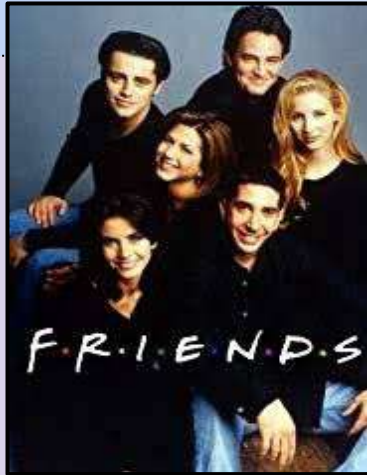
Genres: Biopic, Mystery/Film Noir, Thriller, War, Children's Literature, and Comedy

20th Century American Pop Culture (Open to all Students)

Students explore the richly textured popular culture of 20th century America. Students will learn how to critically analyze a variety of media and entertainment including: **Movies, TV Shows, Music, Visual art, Literature, Advertising, Fashion, Sports and More!**



Explore Different Decades!



Analyze TV!



Explore Visual Arts and Pop Music!



College English Advisory (Open to 10th and 11th Grade Only)

Applying to college can be an exercise both practical and emotional, and unfortunately, stressful as well. **Let's work on it together!** By taking this course, you will start the **process to self-discovery and development**, which will lead you to find a **college well-suited** for your **personal interests, goals, and abilities!**



Stress happens when you think you have to figure out everything all at once. Breathe. You're strong. You got this. Take it day by day.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THIS COURSE??



Learn techniques for **stress management**



Brainstorm college essay topics



Write and revise your college essay



Discover new hobbies and explore possible **career choices**



Work on **public speaking** skills



Create a **high school resume**



Practice **techniques** specific to SAT/ACT reading & writing



Prepare for effective college visits and **successful interviews by participating in mock interviews**



Research and apply for **college scholarships**

College English Advisory: Let's see what your peers had to say!

In the course, College Advisory, you learn skills on how to prepare for college and standardized tests such as the SATs and ACTs. You also gather your own knowledge of your strengths, weaknesses, interests, and experience to find out which career suits you best and which colleges to research. In this course you will get an idea of what you want to go to college for and what jobs interest you most. We explore many ideas necessary for college, future jobs, and life outside of work and school. I really enjoyed this course! I have explored many different jobs, colleges, and even hobbies that I have taken up! I now have a more planned out process on how I'm going to apply to colleges and where I want to go to college. I liked the self reflections and presented ideas to the class because it gave me more confidence while speaking to others and presenting my

ideas. I have gotten so much better at public speaking and I have learned new tips on how to make my speeches better. I liked having the opportunity in class to explore different colleges and see which ones I liked best. I also liked preparing for the SATs and finding websites that help you prepare for them better. I will continue to use these

websites and test taking skills when preparing for and taking the SATs. I definitely improved my knowledge of the college application process and the college essay because I now know that you don't need to stress about having so many grand things in your application and you should focus on what makes you unique and your strengths and interests. I also learned way more than I ever did about the college essay. I knew about it, but I had no clue what to write about or what it was on. I now learned that there are different formats for what suits you best and that you have to talk about yourself and what makes you special, important, and a good student. I feel more prepared for the reading section and the math section because I learned how to properly analyze the passage by underlining key ideas, and trying to fully understand the passage to understand the questions better. I have also learned which math topics I need to look over and understand better before I take the math test. I have a better understanding of what I want to do and which job suits me best because I used to have so many ideas of what I wanted to do, but now I have evaluated those options, and researched them and narrowed down what I really want to pursue, which is

Psychology. I really liked this course because I feel more prepared for college and for life outside of college too. I liked having opportunities to research and learn life skills needed not just for college, but life in general. I have learned crucial skills such as cooking, managing money, studying skills, building a computer, and even putting on a pool cover! I really loved this course and I'm so glad I took it! Thank you so much!

This 10th grader gave the class a 5 STAR REVIEW!



College English Advisory: **Let's see what your peers had to say!**

This 11th grader gave the class a 5 STAR REVIEW!




This course was extremely useful in preparing myself for my future in college. I enjoyed the course a lot, the lessons were very informative and if I submitted all of my work it was an easy A. I liked learning about mindset and organization in life, there was nothing that stood out as totally unenjoyable to me. I feel much more educated on the college application process and I feel that I know what to talk about in my college essay, come time to create one. While I am dreading the SAT, I do think that the reading and writing preparation definitely made me feel more prepared to take the exam. I feel that I had a general idea of what I wanted to pursue in college, but this course further enforced it and made me realize it is in my best interests to pursue a career in medicine. This course prepared me for college mentally too, as it taught me methods to overcome stress, college expectations and things I need to do to be prepared to move away (or stay close to home). This course helped me analyze climate conditions that are optimal for my life in the future and geographically where I should consider going to college which was extremely helpful.

NEW

DISCOVER NY: AN 11TH & 12TH GRADE ½ YEAR ELECTIVE

Students will:

- **DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF NEW YORK'S LITERARY AND CULTURAL HISTORY (SPECIAL FOCUS ON NEW YORK CITY)**
- **STUDY DIVERSE GENRES SUCH AS DIARY ENTRIES, POEMS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, ESSAYS, LETTERS, SHORT STORIES, AND EXCERPTS FROM NOVELS AND MEMOIRS**
- **GAIN A NEW UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE UNIQUE HISTORY AND RICH CULTURE OF THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS**



Science Fiction: Heroes, Myths, and Legends

Not too long ago, at Smithtown High School East...

Students had the opportunity to explore other worlds....

And take the journey of a lifetime....

And now, that journey continues with you...



MARVEL

Topics of Exploration

Excalibur / The Legend of King Arthur

Mythology

Joseph Campbell's The Hero's Journey

The Twilight Zone

Marvel Superheroes and Villains

Star Wars

Project Based Learning

Create sci-fi videos

Write your own
dystopian stories

Explore the impact of
sci-fi on our world today

Write your own myths

Create your own
superhero or villain

Analyze the hero's
journey in
children's films

SIGN UP TODAY

The Choice is Yours!!!

