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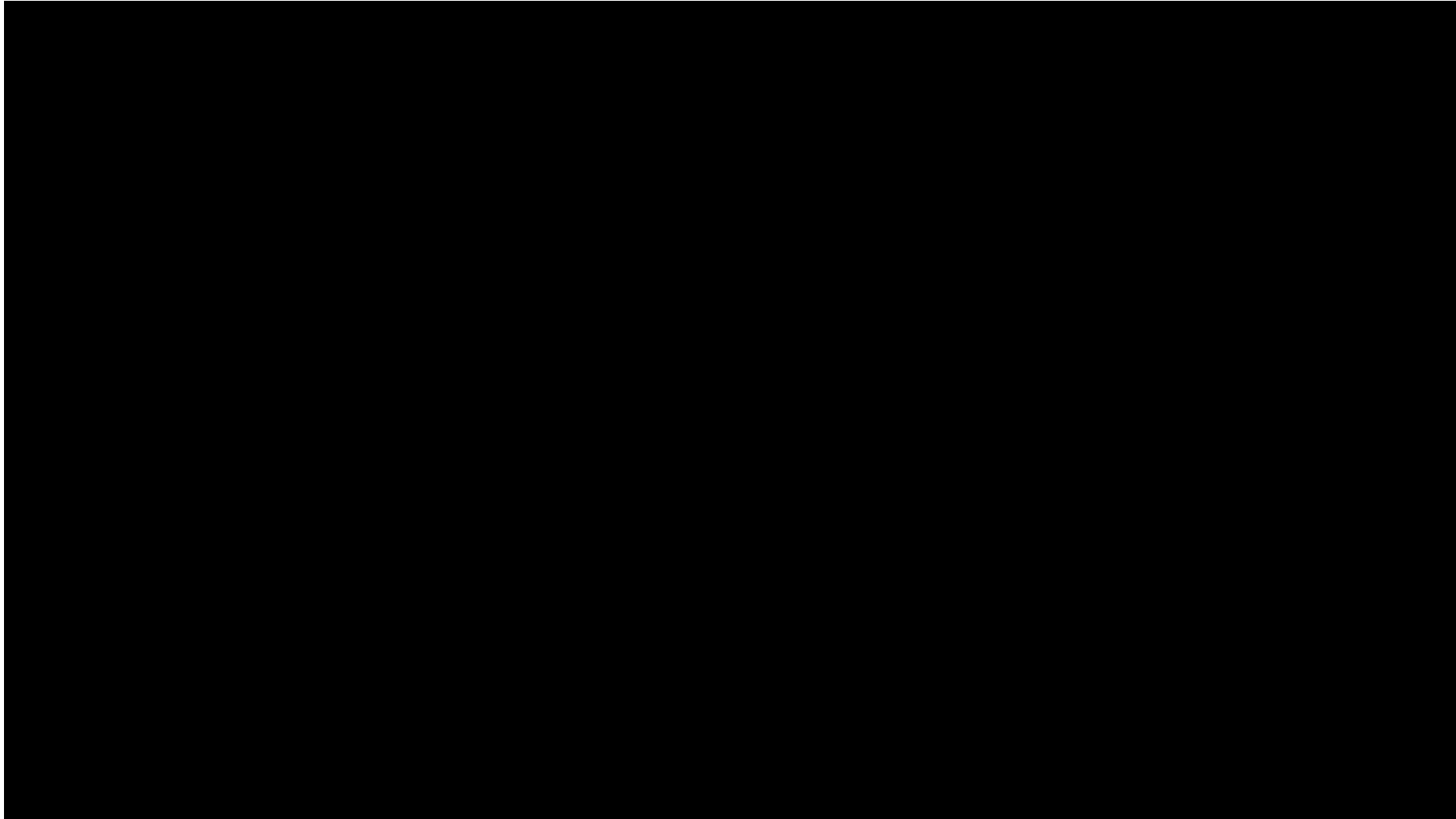
# Freshman AP/Honors Parent Night



# Welcome to the Honors & AP Program!

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# Why take Honors/AP?



# Honors vs. AP Courses

## Honors & Pre-AP Classes...

- challenge students more than College-Prep course.
- prepare students for the rigors of an AP course
- do not earn college credit

## AP Classes...

- are regulated by the College Board
- prepare students for introductory level college courses
- can earn college credit depending on exam grade

# Honors & AP Course Offerings at JT



- Pre-AP/Honors English 1
- Pre-AP/Honors English 2
- Pre-AP/Honors Algebra 1, Geometry, Adv. Algebra
- Dual Credit Honors Pre-Calc
- AP Human Geography
- AP European History
- AP English 3 (Language & Composition)
- AP US History
- AP Biology
- AP English 4 (Literature & Composition)
- AP Psychology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1
- AP US Government
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Statistics
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Art Studio

# Course Weights & Grading



As an incentive to take more challenging courses, both Honors and AP course are graded at a 1.2 weight instead of the 1.0 of a college-prep course, for example, a B in a weighted class is the GPA equivalent of getting an A in a non-weighted class.



Honors and AP Courses each have a letter-grade attached to them upon conclusion of the course.

The equivalent grade will not be on the transcript though.



AP course grades will be on the high school transcript, but AP exam grades (1-5) will not. These will be collected by the College Board and reported to colleges and universities per the request of the student

# What are Honors/AP Courses Like?

Prepares students for the reality of college

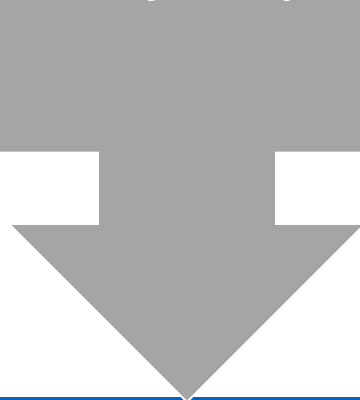
Classes are fast-paced and cover a lot of material

More time is required, both in and out of the classroom, to complete lessons, assignments and homework

AP teachers expect students to think critically, read effectively, and write clearly and with purpose

# Available Honors/AP Resources

Parent support & encouragement is  
extremely important



However, we do offer many resources

National Honor  
Society (NHS)  
Tutoring  
(Wednesday  
after school)

An individual  
subscription to  
Albert.io

Review  
Sessions  
throughout the  
year offered by  
AP teachers

College Board  
course test  
banks and  
curriculum  
guides

AP Practice  
Tests offered  
prior to AP  
Exams

AP Summer  
Enrichment  
Camps



# AP Summer Enrichment Camps



## Honors English 1

- June 17-19 8am-12pm West
- July 22-24 8am-12pm Central

## Honors Algebra 1

- June 24 -27 8am-12pm West
- July 29 - August 1 8am - 12pm Central

## Honors Geometry

- July 8 -11 8am-12pm West
- July 15-18 8am-12pm Central

## Honors Advanced Algebra

- June 17 - June 20 8am - 12pm Central
- July 22 - July 25th 8am - 12pm West

## AP Human Geography

- June 10-12 8am-12pm West
- June 18-20 8am-12pm Central
- July 29-31 8am-12pm West

**Kim Weeks (West) at 815-727-6940 or  
Vicki Clark (Central) at 815-727-6732**

# Honors/AP English

- Summer Reading Assignment
- Independent Reading
- SpringBoard Curriculum—Aligned to Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Literature
- Students should be able to...
  - think critically
  - analyze a text
  - engage in discussion
- Students will be able to...
  - expand their academic vocabulary
  - understand media literacy
  - strengthen writing skills
  - support their ideas with textual evidence and visual displays

# Honors/AP English

- Coming of Age
  - Narrative Essay
  - Argumentative Essay with Research
- Defining Style
  - Literary Analysis
  - Film Analysis
- Coming of Age in a Time of Change
  - *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
  - Research Presentation
  - Literary Analysis
- Coming of Age on Stage
  - *Romeo and Juliet*
  - Scene Interpretation
  - Argumentative Essay

# Honors/AP Mathematics



- JTHS Honors/Pre-AP courses have implemented the SpringBoard curriculum written by College Board(AP).
- SpringBoard curriculum expects students to have a high reading level.
- In-class lessons are real-world scenarios, not basic computation problems.
  - Outside resources are important for extra practice on skills.
  - Fewer homework questions, more in-depth
- On-going learning process
- Recommended course grade of C or higher to be successful at the next level.

# Honors Math - Supplies

- Textbook supplied
- Online textbook with resources included
- Graphing calculator needed
  - TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire is strongly recommended.
- Do not buy a TI-Nspire CAS. Not allowed on testing.

# Sequence-Three Math Courses Required for Graduation



- Honors Algebra 1
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Advanced Algebra
  
- Honors Pre-Calculus (JJC Dual Credit)
- AP Statistics (JJC Dual Credit )
- AP Calculus (JJC Dual Credit)

# Honors/AP Science

- Overview of Honors Biology
  - Considered a Pre-AP course to help prepare students for the expectations of future AP science classes.
  - Deeper understanding of biological processes compared to College Prep Biology.
- Homework expectations
- Honors Biology is a lab-based science class.
  - Students must take lab safety seriously!
  - While absences are sometimes unavoidable, labs missed due to illnesses or other absences must be made up.
    - This includes the final exam lab practical that takes place during the last two weeks of each semester!

# Honors/AP Science

- Assessment expectations
  - Multiple choice
  - Free-response questions
  - Lab and projects
  - Scientific writing
- Successful students in honors biology:
  - Have good time management skills and are able to meet deadlines
  - Pay attention during class, ask questions, and seek out help when needed
  - Are actively involved in group laboratory exercises



# Honors/AP Science

- Opportunities for 10th grade
  - AP Environmental Science
  - AP Physics 1 or Honors Physics (dependent upon current math class)
  - Forensic Science 1 – 1 Semester course
  - Environmental Science – 1 semester course

# AP Social Studies

## What is Human Geography?

- We study WHY things are WHERE they are at
- We cover a wide variety of topics throughout the year including population, migration, culture, political geography, industry, development, agriculture, and urbanization
- Our topics often deal with current events issues and require a level of maturity to engage with respectfully and effectively

# AP Social Studies

## Structure of the Course

- Equivalent to a college-level course
- Focus is on preparing for the AP Exam in May
- Opportunity to earn college credit on the AP Exam
  - The test is provided and scored by the College Board and scores are released in July.
- Each unit generally contains a multiple choice and essay (Free Response Question) tests that are designed to closely mimic the AP Exam. In addition, students will have geographic map tests throughout the year.
- In order to prepare, students are expected to take textbook notes and complete vocabulary cards and study guides for homework. Students should anticipate homework daily in this course.
  - Due to the early AP Exam test date, students will be required to work over weekends, holidays, breaks, and snow/cold days off school.
- In class we will complete activities that deepen student understanding of the content.

# AP Social Studies

## Expectations

While we provide many resources and opportunities for assistance, students should understand that their level of preparation and effort will greatly impact the grade they earn in the course and on the AP Exam.

- Focus on learning
- Complete assignments and homework fully and on time
- Continue to study throughout each unit, not just before the test
- Self-advocate when needed
- Use effective time management
- Minimize distractions (cell phones are not allowed in class)



Understand that B's and C's in a college level course as a freshman ARE an accomplishment ! Are you willing to take a risk in exchange for an academic challenge?



**One challenge in AP** there is not always one answer  
on multiple choice exams, test may require the **BEST** answer

- You WILL need to study. This class requires you to not only know the material but be able to apply it to examples.

- You will think harder about things over a longer period of time than you are used to.

Simple memorization will not  
produce past results.

In the end one of the key goals is  
taking ownership of learning.

**Taking initiative to “learn” when  
you don’t know**

AP is a process one that takes time! We want to create an AP culture of learning in our students. Students who took AP Human Geography last year report that they feel much more prepared in AP European History.

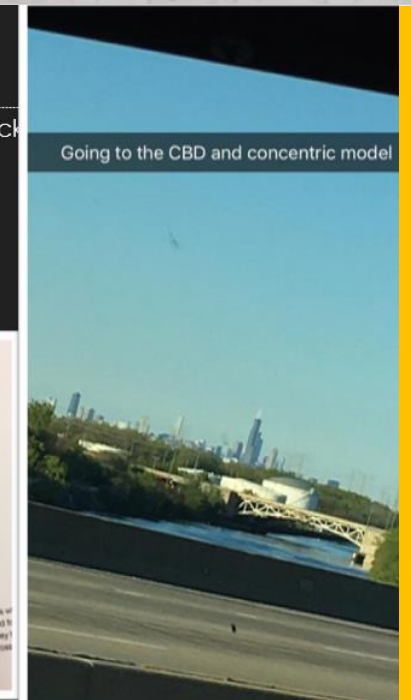
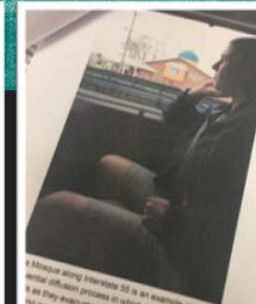


**It is A LOT of work, but  
we have A LOT of fun!**

The past few year's AP HUG shirts...student designed- what will yours look like??



**GOAL: See Human Geo EVERYwhere you look**



# AP Social Studies

## How to Prepare this Summer

### 1. Summer Boot Camps

- June 10-12 8am-12pm West
- June 18-20 8am-12pm Central
- July 29-31 8am-12pm West

### 2. Summer Homework Assignment: Students who attend a summer boot camp will get a head start on the activities at camp!

- Vocabulary Cards for Unit One: Thinking Geographically
  - Students will complete the vocabulary cards for unit one, to be checked in Monday, August 26th.
- Expected Geographic Background Knowledge
  - Students will be provided a list of basic geographic knowledge to be tested on during class on Monday, August 26th. Resources will be provided to assist students in learning/reviewing this information.

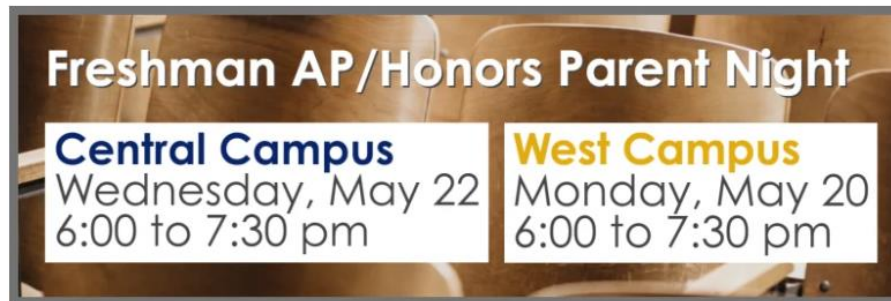
# Questions?



- For more information, please visit [www.jths.org](http://www.jths.org) and visit our Advanced Placement page found under “Academics”



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT



The mission of the Advanced Placement program at Joliet Township High School is to offer all students access to opportunity for enrollment in a rigorous, college-level experience designed to provide experiences that challenge students to improve their academic skills, expand content knowledge and understanding, and ultimately, to foster and develop respect for and appreciation of being an independent lifelong learner.

Furthermore, Joliet Township High School is committed to upholding the AP College Board Equity Statement which states:

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