

“Looking at American History through MUSIC.” *Teacher: Mr. Christopher Beal, Salesian High School Faculty.* Learn the symbolism and background behind song lyrics that take their keys from American history. From “American Pie” to “We Didn’t Start the Fire,” the music industry has relied upon American history as an inspiration for its lyrics. These and other songs will be investigated and debated for the hidden symbolism in their lyrics..

“One Nation Under God.” *Salesians of St. John Bosco on the staff of Salesian High School.* Students will study the role that religion has played in American life and politics. Discussions will cover such topics as the separation of church and state, the Supreme Court and ethics, the effect of the Puritans on American ethics, and the “religious right” and their effect on America today.

“World War II – the Italian Campaign.” *Teacher: Mr. John Mignuolo, professional engineer and history expert.* During World War II, the country of Italy, under their leader Benito Mussolini, sided with Adolf Hitler’s Germany and became the enemy of the United States. In this class, students will learn about the battles American soldiers fought to free Italy from Hitler’s grasp. Primary source documents that students will study will include actual archival video from the war in Italy.

The Academy will be held at Salesian High School
on six Saturday mornings:

March 6 March 13 March 20 March 27
-- Two Week Easter Break --
April 17 April 24

Attendance at all classes is required

Tuition is FREE!

Reminders for filling out your Application Form...

- write the name **AND** address of your school
- check off whether you’d like just **ONE** or **TWO** classes
- for Period 1 (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.) choose **TWO** classes and number them in your order of preference (#1 is your **FIRST** choice, #2 is your **SECOND** choice)
- for Period 2 (10:30 – 11:45 a.m.) choose **TWO** classes and number them in your order of preference (#1 is your **FIRST** choice, #2 is your **SECOND** choice)
 - we will choose your classes from the four choices you give us; we will try to give you your first choices!

**By the end of February,
you will receive your course schedule in the mail.**

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Course Booklet

Period 1: 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

“Baseball: America’s Game.” *Teacher: Mr. Scott Cerasuolo, Salesian High School English teacher and baseball coach.* Since baseball is considered “America’s Pastime,” this class will chronicle this sport’s place in American culture. Students will learn about the role baseball played in American history, its place in society, how the game changed through different eras, and the influential Americans associated with the game.

“Create a Revolutionary War Web Page.” *Teacher: Mr. Paul Zaccagnino, Salesian High School Technology Coordinator.* Students in this class, which will meet in the Salesian High School computer lab, will learn about New York City, Bronx, and Westchester locations where Revolutionary War battles and skirmishes took place. Each student will complete an Internet research project about local a Revolutionary War battle and will use the SeaMonkey Composer program to create a web page that shows off his or her work.

“Disney and the American Dream.” *Teacher: Mrs. Kathleen Zaccagnino, Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School Faculty, Port Chester, NY.* This course will explore 20th Century American history as reflected in the life, music, and art of Walt Disney...Mickey Mouse as a “hero of the Depression,” Disney characters as mascots used in military training films during World War II, and the Mickey Mouse Club as a mirror of children in the 1950’s.

“Famous Crimes in American History.” *Teacher: Mr. Edmund Donovan, Salesian High Science Department Chairperson.* This class introduces students to the historical aspects of forensic science. Students will get hands on experience with fingerprinting, ballistics, blood spatter, DNA, and toxicology. Famous cases like the Lindbergh kidnapping will be studied.

“General Lee’s Three Invasions of the North.” *Teacher: Mr. Alexander Papace, lifelong Civil War enthusiast.* This class will discuss the Maryland Campaign of 1862, resulting in the bloody battle of Antietam; the Gettysburg Campaign of 1863; and General Jubal Early’s raid on Washington, D.C. in 1864. Also presented will be Civil War relics, such as rifles, pistols, swords, and uniforms.

“Important Women in American History.” *Teacher: Ms. Christine Babcock, Salesian High School Faculty.* This course will study important female figures in American history. Students will discuss how these women helped shape the country and all that we value. A multimedia approach using the Smart@ Board will be used by students and the teacher.

“Reel American History: Looking at American History through Films.” *Teacher: Ms. Jessica DiBuono, Stamford High School Faculty.* Learn about all important times in American history through the realm of movies. We will discuss the birth of America all the way to today and watch clips of movies

to help us understand the time period. Possible movies include: “Glory,” “JFK,” “Saving Private Ryan,” “Pearl Harbor,” “Gone With the Wind,” “The Last of the Mohicans,” “1776,” “13 Days,” and more.

“World War II – Band of Brothers.” *Teacher: Mr. John Mignuolo, World War II Expert.* Follow the World War II exploits of the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles – from training in Georgia for the newest military experiment: The Paratroops - to the Normandy Invasion, onto Hell’s Highway in Holland, their heroic stand at the Belgium town of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and onto the final months of World War II in Germany.

Period 2: 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

“Book ‘Em...Law Enforcement.” *Teacher: Mr. Richard Raggo, Salesian High School Faculty.* In this class you will learn about the history of policing in New York City from Dutch New Amsterdam to the present. You will hear stories about and get a chance to role-play how it is to be a police officer in today’s society. You will come to understand how police officers operate within federal, state, and local laws and protect the Constitutional rights of all citizens.

“The Gettysburg Campaign in the Civil War.” *Teacher: Mr. Alexander Papace, lifelong Civil War enthusiast.* In this class, students will learn about the importance of the battle of Gettysburg to the Civil War and American history. The class will include hands on presentations of actual Civil War weapons, swords, and other relics, including uniforms, letters, and money. Students will also learn how to interpret and read the monuments on the actual Gettysburg battlefield.

“Looking at American History through ART.” *Teacher: Ms. Christine Babcock, Salesian High School Faculty.* In this class, students will be looking at, analyzing, and discussing works of art that were created at a certain period in American history. The class will discuss how these works relate to this particular moment in time and will analyze the tone, mood, color, setting, and more. Topics will include: the American Revolution, the Civil War (abolitionists, the Fugitive Slave Act, and slavery), Romanticism, Industrialism, World Wars I and II, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Harlem Renaissance.

“Looking at History Through LITERATURE.” *Teacher: Ms. Jessica DiBuono, Stamford High School Faculty.* In this course, we will be reading excerpts from various pieces of important literature as a way of reading and examining history. We will be discussing the impact that literature can have on society, and the reflection that it gives of the history of its time. Possibilities of literature examined may include: My Brother Sam is Dead, To Kill a Mockingbird, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Gone With the Wind, Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass.

More Period 2 classes on the back...