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TO: Parents and Guardians
FROM: Social Studies Department
RE: Advanced Study Options 2013-2014

The Social Studies Department offers opportunities for advanced study in grades 10 to 12. Currently, students entering 10th grade in the fall of 2013 may take Advanced Placement World History. In addition to the NYS Regents Exam, students enrolled in this course take an AP Exam in May and may apply for college credit based on their scores. There is a fee for this program that is paid to the College Board.

Students entering grade 11 may enroll in College in the High School U.S. History. In addition to the NYS Regents Exam, there is a midterm exam and a final exam in this course. College credit is earned for this course through SCCC. Students entering grade 12 may have the opportunity to enroll in Advanced Placement US Government and Political Science. There is a fee for this option as well.

We find that students who possess a combination of initiative, academic ability, and solid writing skills and work ethic do well in these courses. Students interested in taking these courses must apply and meet several requirements:

- Teacher recommendation from a current teacher
- Essay assignment written with teacher supervision
- 90% or higher average for first three marking periods in social studies
- Overall GPA of 85% for the prior year

Students will be selected based on evaluation by the Social Studies Department. **Students must pick up the necessary forms themselves in the Guidance Office. The deadline for completed application is February 28, 2013. Please note that students who fail to meet the requirements outlined in the process will not be considered for placement in these advanced courses.**

We anticipate that there will be other opportunities for students to take social studies electives through the SCCC College in the High School program, including sociology. Students interested in these options should inform the Guidance Office as they plan their schedules for next year.

College admissions representatives encourage capable high school students to take the most rigorous course offerings available to them. We encourage all students who are eligible for these opportunities to apply. Please contact the Guidance Office or Mrs. Kanarkiewicz (Ext. 421) if you have any questions.