

## Honors Offerings 2007

### 105 Honors English 11

We work through Success With Words, a vocabulary workbook that also enhances SAT test taking skills. We also incorporate Power Writing stages 6-12 into all writing assignments. The students are taught to write several different essays including writing about theme, comparison and contrast essay, writing about character and, of course, they are encouraged to self-edit and evaluate peers' writing. Mainly, the text American Literature is used. Students read works by significant authors and we discuss writers and themes that result from historical events and influence literature. Term papers are a part of the working English 11 curriculum. Students are required to read one book outside of class each semester and pass the computerized Accelerated Reader test that corresponds. Three novels are studied in the class: The Scarlet Letter, The Red Badge of Courage, and The Great Gatsby.

### 160 Honors Economics

Economics is a required one semester course for seniors that compliments a semester of American Government. The textbook for the course is Economics Principles and Practices, Gary E. Clayton. The course covers a wide range of topics that are included in both Micro and Macro Economics. The curriculum includes everything from historic economic theory to the practicalities of personal finance, making good credit decisions, and buying a first home. A vastly important aspect to this course includes a Christian perspective on stewardship principles, poverty, and how to live lives of service in our depraved world. Other practical skills taught include budgeting, maintaining a checking account, filing an income tax return, borrowing money, and preparing a resume. The Honors Economics course presents a class that is more rigorous in its scope and workload, in order to prepare a student for a college classroom. The same book is used, and taking the Economics Advanced Placement test is left up to the student, but is not required. Likewise, the class is not taught in order for students to be fully prepared to pass the AP final.