



Senior Gifted Education Services Patriot High School 2023 – 2024

Seniors in the Gifted Education and Talent Development Program will think about and respond to a variety of topics and issues that concentrate on the study of philosophy. Seniors explore humankind's search for meaning across disciplines, cultures, and eras. Emphasis is placed on personal responses to historical thought and on the construction of personal meaning. Services for the year will be offered to students through Socratic Seminars, written reflections and artistic expressions, or asynchronous (on-demand) modules available through Canvas.

The curriculum provided by Prince William County Schools (PWCS) offers the following themes for the experience:

DSP & Epistemology (September 27 & 28)
Aesthetics (January 31 & February 1)

Reality (November 28 & 29)
Identity & Self-Reflections (April 15 & 16)

This seminar schedule will be posted in the Canvas course. These plans are all contingent upon PWCS's operating status.

Students will have the opportunity to explore these topics and refine critical, conceptual, reflective, creative, and collaborative thinking skills. The focus for our identified gifted 12th graders will be on conceptual thinking. They will be assessed on the following conceptual thinking skills:

- Abstract Concepts
- Ethics
- Paradigms
- Materialism and Idealism
- Identity

Students should anticipate receiving a gold pass invitation with a selection of blocks where seminars will be offered. Students are encouraged to select the offering that is the least disruptive to their education and make up any work that is missed. There will be times when a teacher will refuse to let a student leave a class for seminar due to a pre-planned assessment or due to the academic standing of the student; however, if students find that a teacher consistently refuses without cause to let them come to seminar, please reach out to us.

Students will complete the Differentiated Services Plan (DSP) which allows them to reflect on their goals. This exercise provides information for resource teachers to meet the students' needs and will be mailed home in January to assist in the scheduling process for next school year.

* Students with extremely focused interests can complete an **independent study/project** instead of seminars. This option allows them to create their own "center;" the student would need to be self-motivated to develop and execute the plan. The resource teacher would act as an advisor and facilitator to the student.

Participation in the opportunities offered will be recorded and mailed to parents/guardians after the 1st semester and at the end of the year.

During the seminar experience, it is anticipated that devices will only be used for instructional purposes.

In March 2024, we are planning a field trip to the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden | Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. for participating students. If you are interested in chaperoning, we would appreciate your support.

Lastly, we invite Seniors to stop by the Gifted Ed room in April 2024 to pick up the folder of relics accumulated over the course of their high school gifted ed experience. This folder may include the letter to their senior self which was written during their freshman year 2020-2021.

We look forward to meeting you from 6PM-8PM at Patriot's Back-to-School Night on **September 7, 2023** in Room 1301. We will also be available at Touch Base from 8AM– 10AM on **October 9, 2023**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

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By signing on this page, you and your parent/guardian acknowledge that you have read and understand the information contained herein. Please submit this form to your Language Arts teacher, to Mr. Hegerle, or to Mrs. Phillips no later than September 25, 2023.

Student Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Parent Printed Name

Date

Parent Signature

