



St Joseph High School

English Department Fast Facts

Philosophy

In English, our students develop an understanding of themselves and others through reading and writing, while advancing their communication skills for success in college and beyond. Students employ critical analysis of challenging literature and original source texts, as well as essential vocabulary and grammar skills throughout each course.

Curriculum Overview

World Literature & Composition (Grade 9) provides a foundation of study in all literary genres. Students hone their skills in literary analysis and writing, identifying literary devices and analyzing the writing styles of world authors and poets. Academic Levels: CP & Honors.

American Literature (Grade 10) curriculum traces the development of American writing from the oral storytelling of the Native Americans through the Puritans, the Age of Enlightenment, Romanticism and Modern 20th Century poetry and fiction. Academic Levels: CP & Honors.

British Literature (Grade 11) is a challenging curriculum that begins in the Anglo-Saxon Period followed by Medieval, Renaissance, Elizabethan, Restoration, Victorian and Modern 20th Century periods. Academic Levels: CP, Honors, & AP.

Senior English and Electives allow students to explore their interests more specifically through literature, creative analytical writing.

- Creative Writing (CP) (Grade 12)
- Controversial Literature / Literature and War (H) (Grade 12)
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- Women in Literature / Multicultural Literature (CP) (Grade 12)
- Literature and War / Short Story (CP) (Grade 12)
- Sports Literature and Writing / Science Fiction Literature (CP) (Grade 12)

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Beyond the Classroom

Writing Resource Center:

Student support center for writing literary analysis, expository essays, creative assignments, and research papers for all classes. This program endorses writing across the curriculum. Student-trained tutors, under the supervision of English department moderators, are available on a daily basis after school.

The National English Honor Society (NEHS):

The Amaranth Chapter of the National English Honor Society is open to Juniors and Seniors based on their academic achievements in English. NEHS scholars are dedicated to promoting language arts and literacy. Past projects include the annual Book Drive, MLA @ SJ, and the *Amaranth* arts and literary journal.

Amaranth:

Amaranth is the SJ literary and arts journal. The journal features the writing, artwork, and photography of the SJ students, faculty, and staff. The journal is student-edited and published.