



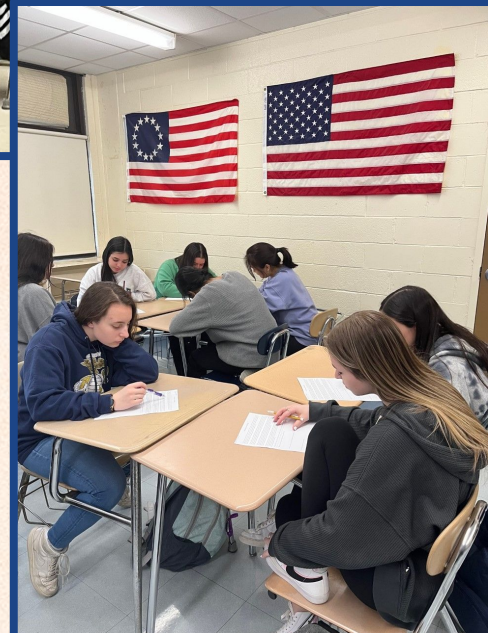
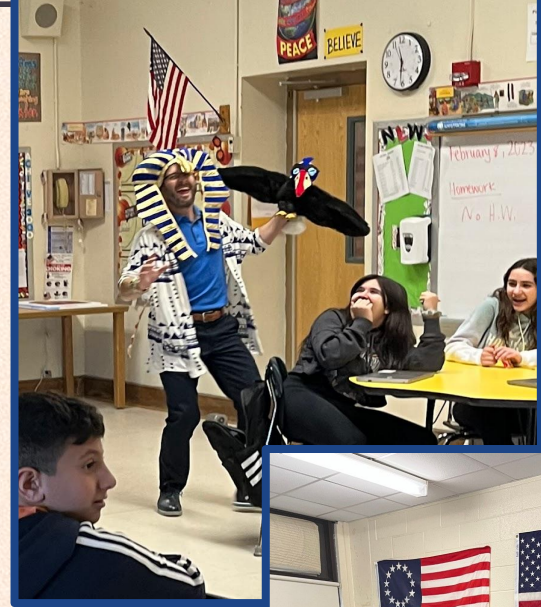
Bethpage Social Studies

**A key component of our students'
academic and civic growth!**



Overview of Courses:

- **6th - 8th follows NYSED SS Framework**
 - 6th - Eastern Hemisphere (birth of civilization through the Middle Ages)
 - 7th & 8th - History of NY & US (foundations through modern history)
- **Core 9-12 follows NYSED SS Framework:**
 - 9th - Global History and Geography I
 - Pre-AP World
 - 10th - Global History and Geography II
 - AP World
 - 11th - US History and Government
 - AP US History
 - 12th - Government and Economics
 - AP Government and Economics



Electives at the High School:

- AP Seminar
- Criminal Justice
- Enduring Issues through Film
- Global Prep
- History of Long Island and New York
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Senior Seminar



CIA AT THE SCENE



Promotions

- Top CSI Supervisor
- Crime Scene Leader
- Crime Scene Photographer
- Evidence Collector

Requirements

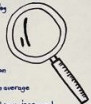
- A degree in a natural or forensic science field, the history or history of a degree related to the study of crime, the sciences or criminal justice
- Two years of police work and five years of history as an underhand

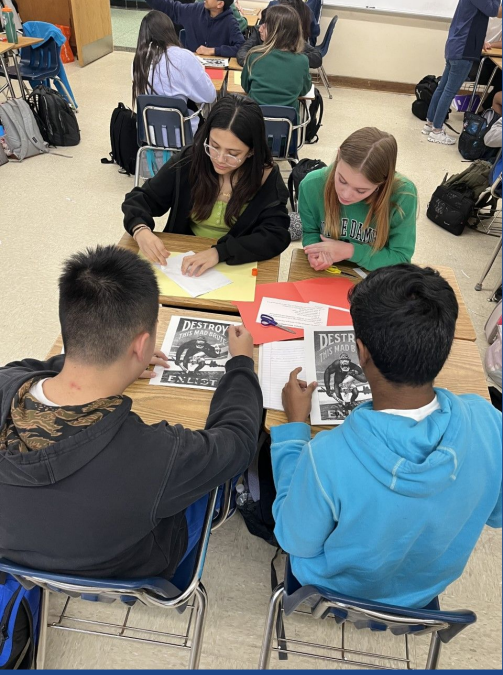
Equipments Used

- Barrier Tape
- Rubber Hite Test Kits
- Ruler/Forensic
- Metal Detectors

Pay & Benefits

- An entry level CSI (1-5 years of experience) make an average salary of \$21,000
- A senior level CSI (6-9 years of experience) make an average salary of \$30,000
- Full Healthcare/Retirement, Life Insurance, Paid Sick Leave, Increased Salary and Summer Pay





Our department is focused on the development of the following critical thinking skills:

- **Gathering, Interpreting, and Using Evidence**
- **Chronological Reasoning**
- **Comparison and Contextualization**
- **Geographic Reasoning**
- **Economics**
- **Civic Participation**

All of these skills help develop critical thinkers who are college, career and civically ready!





Department Goals

The best teachers are lifelong learners.

01

Continued teacher development

- Professional Development
- Attendance at conferences
- Peer observations - collaboration to share “best practices”

02

Focus on skill-based instruction

- Use history to teach critical thinking skills:
 - Analysis
 - Synthesis
 - Argumentation
 - Written and oral expression

03

Incorporate Current Events

- Supports critical thinking
- Helps understand historical context
- Supports literacy
- Creates relevancy for students, helping to make connections

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Cross-Curricular Collaboration

- JFK SS & ELA depts. met to discuss essay writing
- BHS SS & ELA teachers are planning a co-unit on WWII
- BHS SS & business teachers are planning future co-taught units

05

Celebrate aspects of American history and contributions, while promoting Global awareness

- Constitution Day: Preamble Challenge
- *"This Week in History"* on BHS news
- Veterans Day Celebration
- JFK - Exploring Cultural Awareness
- JFK - Ethics and Debate
- BHS - Civil Rights seminar



How are we getting our students excited about Social Studies?

BHS's Ethics Teams!



Field Trips!

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**JFK's
Annual
GeoBee!**



BHS's This Week in History!



“The Bethpage High School ethics teams competed at the Long Island Ethics bowl at Hofstra University on Saturday, February 4th. Competing against 22 other teams from across Long Island, Bethpage fell just short of making the semi-finals and placed 5th overall, however, the team did win the coveted “Spirit of the Ethics Bowl” award. This award for civil discourse is given to the team that engages in the most respectful debate and discussion across all rounds of competition.”

- Ms. Wendy Way

Ethics and Debate



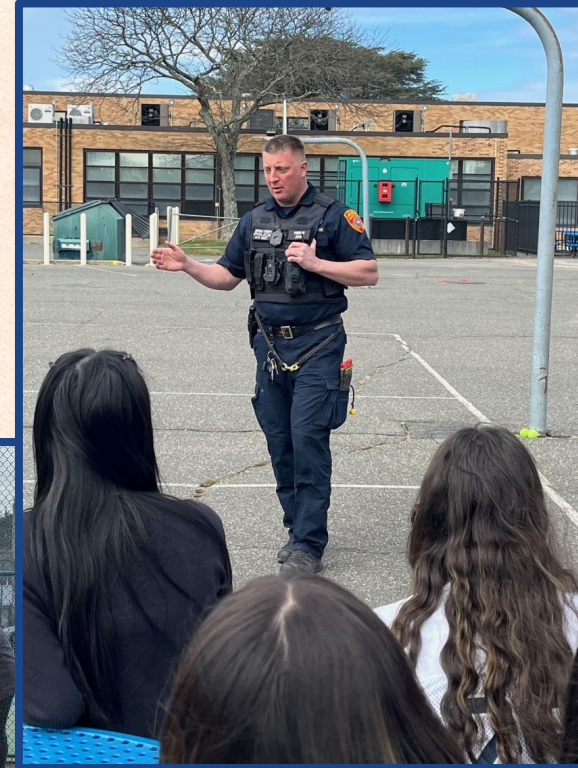
“With the support of the wonderful BHS Philosophy Program, JFK is proud to introduce a new 21st Century activity where students can appropriately debate and argue different ethical dilemmas using research and friendly debates. **Students will be able to think critically about various ethical and life dilemmas while evaluating multiple sides of every situation!**”

- Ms. Georgia Paraskakis



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BHS's Mock Trial!



Guest Speakers!

Mock Trial

“The Mock Trial team was created to foster an interest in and an understanding of the NYS and federal judicial process. The main event of the year is a statewide tournament that has teams of students learn to craft evidence-based arguments and present those in a mock open court in Mineola. **They learn cooperation, argumentation, critical thinking, improvisation, and perhaps most importantly- civility.**

Pictured here are opening remarks at the courthouse. In the bottom left you can see part of our team: (from left) Ray Ahmadi, Sarah Bashker, Devaanshi Kawatra, Amashi Arachchi, and Lavleen Kaur.”

- **Mr. Patrick Gorman**



JFK and BHS Guest Speakers

Mr. Verdi speaks to 8th graders for Veterans Day!



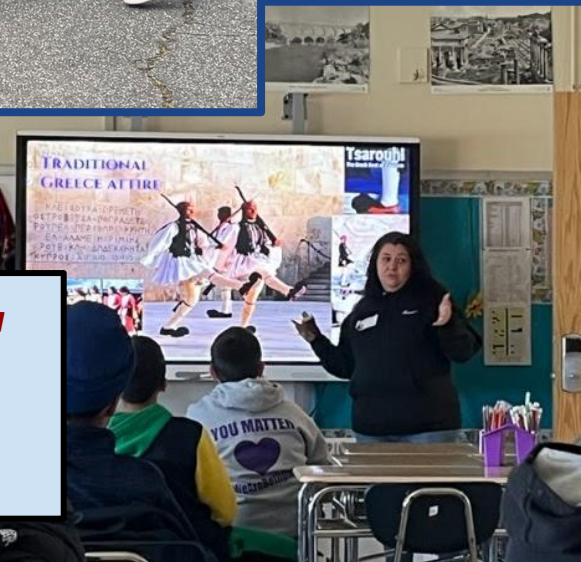
Officer Neems and Gunnar demonstrate canine police tactics for Criminal Justice!



A representative from AAA speaks to seniors about roadside emergencies!



Mrs. Evangelou speaks to 6th graders about Greek culture!



Patriotic Music for Veterans Day!



NYSED Seal of *Civic Readiness*

Bethpage High School



What is *The Seal of Civic Readiness*? ✨

- a new opportunity through the State Education Dept. for students to earn an honor/recognition for their work within the community at graduation
- a college application/resume builder
- recognition for stuff you already might be doing anyway
- Pathway for you to get involved in meaningful ways throughout your community



How can I earn the seal?

Participation in courses offered at BHS

You will receive points for:

- Social Studies classes
- Regents Exam scores
- course work (research papers and projects)
- Electives that involve civics

Participation in clubs offered at BHS

You will receive points for:

- Student government
- Clubs that involve civics
- 21st Century activities that involve civics

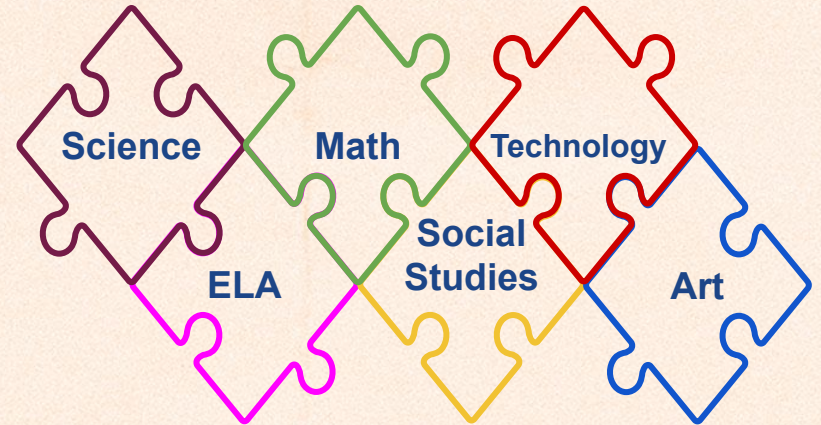
Participation in the community

You will receive points for:

- Volunteerism
- Community outreach and service
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America
- Youth groups
- Other community orgs

Future Plans for SS:

- Bethpage Heritage Day - to celebrate Bethpage history
- Team up with Student Civic for Thanksgiving celebration
- HS students read historical books to elementary students
- Create display case in HS SS wing to display Grumman artifacts and other Bethpage memorabilia
- Presidents Day Trivia contest at BHS
- Senior Seminar students volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House





What is one important thing your students take away from your classes?



“Making history relevant by connecting past events with the current world.”

“The courage to be an independent thinker and the ability to critically analyze an idea from multiple perspectives.”

“Practical skills that can be applied across the curriculum and in life.”

“I have learned so much about other cultures as well as how to respect and appreciate them, and learning to understand them and some of the struggles they face.”

“To be passionate about things that interest you . . . every social studies teacher I’ve ever had was passionate about what they teach.”

“History can repeat itself if people in present don’t look to the past.”



What is one important lesson you’ve learned from your social studies classes?

