

## Social Science Department

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The Social Science Department encompasses the subject areas of history, geography, civics, law, anthropology, sociology, psychology and philosophy. Courses are offered primarily in English, though there are a few French Immersion classes. The department is made up of 12 teachers, 4 of whom teach full-time social science classes. We offer a range of courses from Grade 9 to Grade 12, many utilizing the latest teaching methods and technology. Please visit our website for the latest news and information from the department.



### St. Patrick Social Science Department

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**OPEN HOUSE**

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### Grade 8 Open House

February 15, 2017

7:00pm

St. Patrick High School



“The social studies, history, geography and Canadian and world studies programs will enable students to become responsible, active citizens within the diverse communities to which they belong. As well as becoming critically thoughtful and informed citizens who value an inclusive society, students will have the skills they need to solve problems and communicate ideas and decisions about significant developments, events and issues.”

*Ontario Curriculum*

## Courses

The Social Science Department offers a wide variety of courses at all grade levels. All high school students are required to take Grade 9 geography, as well as Grade 10 history and civics (half-credit). These are offered in both English and French. Additional elective courses are available in Grade 11 and 12 in history, geography, law, anthropology/sociology/psychology and philosophy. Please consult the course calendar for complete course listings and descriptions.

## Technology

Teachers in the department use some of the latest technology available to deliver course content. All social science classrooms are equipped with computers, multimedia projectors and smartboards. Teachers have access to iPads for lesson development and some classes are participating in a school-wide iPad pilot project. Other technology in use includes various pieces of GIS (Geographical Information Systems) software and GPS (Global Positioning Systems) units.



## Excursions

Learning is not limited to the classroom. Opportunities for hands-on activities help to enrich the educational experience for students and teachers alike. These can include such things as outdoor GPS exercises, or visits to the courthouse for law classes. Additionally, teachers in the department have organized longer, out-of-town excursions to such places as Europe. The first of these trips took place in 1992 to Greece and Rome. In 2012 and 2014 groups of students travelled to Europe to mark several important historical anniversaries. This April, 23 of our students will be joining thousands of others from across Canada and visit the Netherlands, Belgium and France to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the 150th anniversary of Confederation.



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