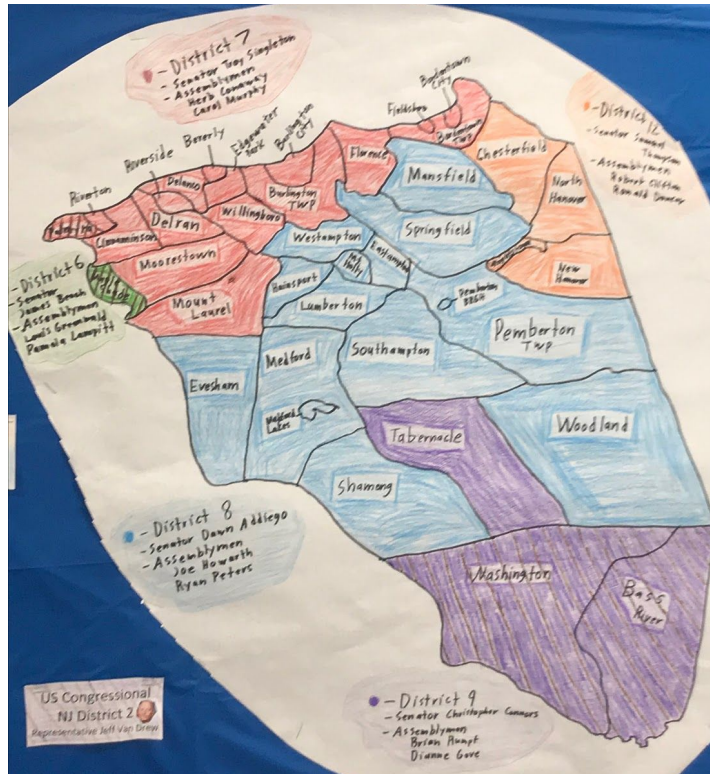




BCA Newsletter

BCAS: History Edition

Read to learn all about the good stuff happening in the History Department this year.



Civics Initiative

When students leave BCA, they will become active members in our society. This year's history bulletin boards had four themes related to Civics education: Constitution, Liberal vs Conservative, Election Topics, and Burlington County Elected Officials.

BCA students were able to attend two Voter Education Classes this year which help 8 students register to vote. There were an additional 4 students who were already registered to vote. Next year we hope to get 50% of the eligible population registered. You must be 17 to register and 18 to vote. The bulletin board in Jim's room has registration forms.

Q & A with President of BCA, Alexis C.

Q: If you were to meet one American President, who would it be?

AC: President Obama

Q: What advice would you give to new students?

AC: If you really want it, you can achieve it. Stay focused on the big picture.

Q: Which would you prefer as a graduation requirement, no math credits or 25% less of all other credit types?

AC: No Math

Q: What would be your last meal?

AC: Fried Chicken, Corn Bread, Mac n' Cheese, and Water

Q: What are your plans for after high school?

AC: Join the Navy, then attend law school after service to my country.



New History Electives & Twists on the Old

This year the Social Studies department experimented with new electives and revamped the old ones. Some of the returning electives included fan favorite Awkward History, Finance which included Middle Schoolers for the first time, and Psychology for its highest total completion rate of 12 students.

New electives found success in the fields of Civics, Philosophy, and Video Game History. The last elective block features Music History. Several of the Electives had titles given to students who excelled in the subject. Tobi Williams gain the title of Epic Gamer Supreme, Myah Lewis earned Brainiac for Psychology, Citizen for Alex Overman in Civics, and Philosopher King for Nate Johanson.

Elijah Fontaine on *History of Video Games*: “I think it was a great elective to share interests with other people who enjoy video games as well as Jim hosting some fun events.”



Field Trips

This year featured three major trips. First was a middle school field trip to Old City, Philadelphia for a scavenger hunt. Second was a trip to the Franklin Institute to see the temporary exhibit about Vikings. Last, students went to see the most decorated ship in America, Battleship New Jersey.

Student **Ant Stanton** recounts some unsettling information, “One interesting fact I learned on the trip is the cannon on the ship can shoot up to around 23 miles from ship to target.” To give you an idea of this distance, just about all of our houses can be attacked by this ship in less than 48 seconds from its current location.