



P.J. Gelinas English Department

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Welcome to the P.J. Gelinas English Department web page.

Students entering secondary school continue their English education in grade seven with activities that incorporate reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Student proficiency in these skills is assessed in grade seven and grade eight by the New York State English Language Arts Exam (ELA).

New York State requires that students in grades nine through twelve continue to develop their skills with increasingly sophisticated activities. The state assesses the level of proficiency with a Comprehensive English Regents Examination administered in grade eleven.

The New York State Education Department has mandated schools to provide Academic Intervention Services (AIS) to students believed to be in jeopardy of not succeeding on the NYS ELA and Regents examinations. At Gelinas, students are placed in the Reading/Writing program if they have demonstrated a lack of competency in language arts skills as determined by their performance on the New York State ELA Assessments and/or performance on classroom assessments.

For more information about the English curriculum and to view the Three Village School District's Essentials for Learning for English, please visit the following link:

http://www.threevillagecsd.org/department_and_programs/essentials_of_learning_grades_7-12



P. J. Gelinas English Department Members

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English Extra Help Schedule

Teacher	Day/s	Period/s	Room #
Bostwick	ACE/BDF	2	203
Cadolino	Any	6	208
Elliot	ACE/ BDF	5	205
Leidahl	T, Th	5	207
Meek	Any	2, 3, 7	107
Ouzounian	ACE/BDF	1/2	221
Palmer	T, Th	7	105
Schwartz	Any	7	109
Waldbauer	Any	6	Eng. Office
Wesnofske	T, Th	5	214

All English Teachers are also available by appointment.

Each year there will be an after school ELA Prep Academy in preparation for the seventh and eighth grade NYS ELA Assessments in April. Invitations to select students will be mailed home February/ March.



Assessment Information

Each April, the New York State ELA Assessments are administered to all seventh and eighth grade students. The English Language Arts Assessment is divided into four booklets given over two days for seventh and eighth grades. The reading/listening comprehension/multiple choice questions are worth the most points. For the written portions of the assessments, students will be evaluated based on the content of their short and extended responses.

Mechanics are assessed through multiple choice questions. Official state assessment results are mailed sometime after June.

Departmental final exams are administered each June for all seventh and ninth grade English classes. Eighth grade students complete a final portfolio that counts as their final exam grade for English. See your English teacher for further information regarding final exams and portfolios.



Department Information and Activities

In December, seventh grade students visit Theater Three for a performance of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. The grade level trip is organized by the seventh grade English teachers as part of the seventh grade English curriculum.



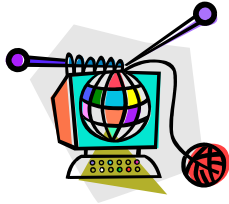
In April, select ninth grade students and their English teachers will be participating in the Annual Ethnic Pen Conference for student writers held at Bay Shore High School.

Look for details on P.J. Gelinas's Coffee House Poetry Night event to be held in April.



P.J. Gelinás's school newspaper, *The Patriot Press*, and the school literary magazine, *Whirlwind*, are published periodically throughout the school year. Look for copies linked to the Gelinás home page.

We also participate in an annual Spelling Bee for grades 7 and 8 and various writing contests for all grade levels throughout the school year.



Helpful Links for English Language Arts

www.ncte.org

<http://usny.nysed.gov/parents/>

<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/e-home.htm>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm>