INTRODUCTION to AP PSYCHOLOGY

The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic & scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. Students will also learn about the methods psychologists use in their science and practice.

The Advanced Placement Psychology course for 2021-2022 will be revised and updated to correspond with changes being made in the AP Psychology exam and the College Board course outline. The summer reading will assist the student by giving an introduction to many of the psychological topics they will be required to cover over the school year and will aid the student in better preparing for the examination in May of 2022.

The SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT

Each student will read one book for the summer. This reading is required for all students who take the course. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire the book, to read it and be prepared to be tested on the content. A multiple-choice examination will be given during the first weeks of the course. The summer reading examination will count as an assessment (1st Q grade).

- NHS1.1 - Communicate effectively using oral, written, and digital formats.
- NHS1.2 - Apply content knowledge and skills to real world situations.
- NHS1.3 - Read critically and interpret a wide range of materials with varying degrees of complexity.
- NHS2.4 - Create individual goals for continued lifelong learning.

This book provides an extraordinary introduction to some of the landmark studies which continue to exert their influence over psychological thought and research today. It provides a fascinating glimpse into the birth and growth of psychology and the insights that have been acquired into the complexities of human nature.

**Students are to read 15 of the 40 studies for the assessment:**

READ: Preface pages xi-xix. *(Focus on the ethical issues on pages xv-xix.)*
READ: **Chapter introductions and each study**

**Chapter 1:**
- Reading 1 One Brain or Two?
- Reading 3 Are You a “Natural?”

**Chapter 2:**
- Reading 7 Unromancing the Dream

**Chapter 3:**
- Reading 9 It’s Not Just About Salivating Dogs
- Reading 11 Knock Wood!

**Chapter 4:**
- Reading 14 Just HOW Are You Intelligent?

**Chapter 5:**
- Reading 17 Discovering Love
- Reading 19 How Moral Are You?

**Chapter 6:**
- Reading 21 A Sexual Motivation…
- Reading 24 Thoughts Out of Tune

**Chapter 7:**
- Reading 26 Masculine or Feminine…or Both?

**Chapter 8:**
- Reading 30 You’re Getting Defensive Again!

**Chapter 9:**
- Reading 36 Picture This

**Chapter 10:**
- Reading 37 A Prison by Any Other Name…
- Reading 40 Obey at Any Cost?

It is recommended that the student purchase or acquire a copy of the book as soon as possible. This book, although not the latest edition, is still in print and is easily ordered from Internet providers, local bookstores or local libraries. Later editions will likely include the above studies. **Take notes when reading, as writing down important concepts and vocabulary words will benefit with recall and recognition of material for the examination. Notes provide handy preparation and review over a long summer.**

**Notes are NOT allowed during examinations.**

To make contact during the summer for a question or other reason, please use ggiramma@nssk12.org. If you do not have access to email please call the school.