

A CHANGE IN HISTORY

SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS SHARE SAME CLASS

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We have always been taught that history is set in stone; you can't change it. However, no one ever said anything about not being allowed to change the history curriculum.

Due to the sophomores' having to take the Ohio Graduation Test, the school was forced to change what grades took what classes. The new OGT test included American History on it, a class that used to be reserved just for juniors.

For this school year the social studies department had to revise the current curriculum. Incoming juniors had not taken American History yet, and the incoming sophomores had to take the class in order to be ready for the OGT test.

Therefore administrators were faced with an even greater dilemma than before teaching both juniors and sophomores the same class, and keeping all of the previous social studies electives for students to take.

"The OGT has driven the history curriculum across the state. Every district has been forced to change," said **Mrs. Marilyn Ray**.

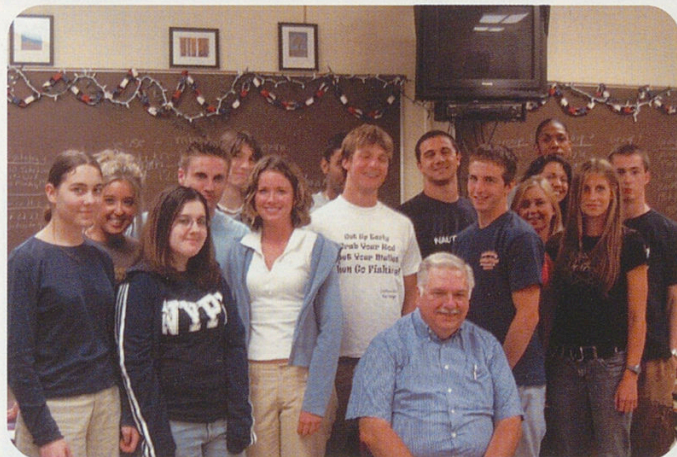
With the changing curriculum came more changes to the delight of all underclassman. A major project that Accelerated World History and American History students once had to labor over was now obsolete, History Fair.

History Fair, the dreaded assignment of all juniors, a project that students spent months laboring over and counted for a fourth of your third quarter grade was now lifted off of the shoulders of American History students.

"Not having to do history fair has saved a lot of time and stress," said **J.P. Gaulty, 11**.

Whether it be two grades being in the same class or History Fair being canceled, the facts still remain the same. The teachers still help you learn and understand something that is supposed to never change.

"I really enjoy history and my teacher, Mr. Miller, makes history fun, I'm looking forward to taking history classes next year," said **Stephanie Smith, 9**.



Mr. Tim Wolfe's class poses for a photo with lecturer Mr. Bracker. He came into the class and talked to the students about economics. The class seemed to really enjoy his talk.



"I never thought that I would be doing this nine and a half years ago, sitting in government class," said **Mr. Andrew Ciafardini**. Coordinating President Bush's travels throughout the world, **Mr. Ciafardini, Assistant Deputy Chief of Protocol for Visits**, explained to Social Studies students about his experiences.

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE:

- 5-10 minutes of a bell ringer- warm up activity
- 20 minutes of a class room activity
- 20 minutes of lecture notes on American History

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