

English Department

The English Department at Sea is proud of our students' accomplishments!

According to Middle States, an organization of professional educators who evaluate and grant accreditation to K – 12 schools and colleges, the English Department is to be commended “for the high passing grades achieved by the students on the New York State Regents Examination, the Advanced Placement English Examination, the PSAT, and the SAT...for mounting a curriculum which challenges students of more than average ability through Advanced Placement and college credit offerings.”

We at Sea are pleased with our statistics! In 2008/2009, 99% of Sea's juniors passed the New York State English Regents examination upon first try; 90% of Advanced Placement English students received college credit. Also, over the last ten years, Sea has received several awards and honors from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation – more accolades than any other Catholic high school on Staten Island.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Miss Diana Illuzzi
Chairperson

4 years teaching, 3 years at Sea, Alumna of the Class of 2000, writer of curriculum, 5 years PSAT/SAT tutoring.

Mr. James Battista

39 years teaching experience, 27 years at Sea, 25 years teaching Driver's Education, *Who's Who Among American Teachers '03 and '05*, Coordinating of school theatre parties to Broadway, Former Director of Fall Drama/Theatre for 20 years. Recipient of C.S.I. Outstanding Teacher Award; Member of Kappa Delta Pi-International Honor Society Educators.

Mr. Glenn Cronick

10 years teaching, 6 years at Sea, Instructor/Supervisor with the Sylvan Learning Center, Moderator Viking Press, History Club and Conservation Club.

Mrs. Josephine Cummings

35 years teaching English, 33 years at Sea, Scholars' Program, 10 years experience with Kaplan as Verbal Instructor for PSAT, SAT I and SAT II, *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Mr. Christopher DiGregorio

3 years teaching, 3 years at Sea, 9 years tutoring, 3 years Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Mrs. Kathleen Ferman

19 years teaching, 6 years at Sea. Assistant to the Stichery Club and Spring Musical.

Mrs. Ellen Galligano

33 years teaching English, 23 years at Sea, *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Mrs. Karen Gonzalez -

34 years teaching English, 24 years at Sea, Advanced Placement English Program, Adjunct Professor at College of Staten Island, Adjunct Professor at State University at Albany, *Who's Who Among American Teachers*, writer of curriculum – New York State, teacher of SAT and PSAT for 20 years.

Mr. Stephen Hart

First year teaching at Sea, 20 years writing for the *Staten Island Advance*, honored by *The Salvation Army* for prowess in writing.

Mrs. Maria Pinto	23 years teaching, 5 years teaching at Sea, Moderator of Ladies of Charity, Introduction to Analytical Writing (or University in the High School Program).
Mr. Thomas Powers	35 years teaching, 4th year at Sea, TV studio coach, I.T.V., Director of School Play, Speech Composition and Presentation (or University in the High School Program).
Mrs. Vincenza Rella	29 years teaching experience, 21 years at Sea, high school play direction and production experience, Moderator of Senior Brothers and Sisters, Co-Moderator Stitchery Club, Co-Moderator of SAGA (Yearbook).
Mr. Michael Robles	41 years teacher of English Language and Literature, 34 years at the N.Y.C. Department of Education, 7 years teaching at Sea, Introduction to Analytical Writing (or University in the High School Program), American Authors (St. John's University).
Mrs. Valerie Strange	10 years teaching N.Y.C. Department of Education, 2nd year teaching at Sea.

COURSES

Regents and Honors are offered on each grade level. In senior year, the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition course qualifies for high school and college credit. In addition, we are among the few high schools who incorporate SAT Preparation into our curriculum. The following courses are offered:

FRESHMEN - Introduction to Literature/Fundamentals of Language Arts
Introduction to Speech

SOPHOMORES - Survey Course of British Literature – A chronological approach which explores the development of genres of major literary periods from the Anglo-Saxon period to the 20th century. ***Fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary, and writing are stressed.***
PSAT Verbal Review Class – Stresses Study techniques and strategies for the PSAT in an entirely separate class.

JUNIORS – Introduction to American Literature – Emphasis is placed on the development of traditional American themes and values in a chronological approach to the literature.
Fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary, and writing are stressed.

Junior Honors English – American Authors: Credit is available through St. John's University, English 2060 (3).

SENIORS – An Introduction to World Literature – An historical approach to world literature from 500 B.C. to the present, including Greek, Roman, and Italian Literature, allows the examination of various genres. ***Fundamentals of writing, grammar, and vocabulary are stressed.***

Advanced Placement English Literature & Composition – The AP Curriculum meets the requirements of the AP English Examination and represents a college level approach to literature and composition.

The course is an examination of the various genres of American Literature in the fall semester and World Literature in the spring semester. Credit will be given through the State University at Albany for Reading Literature, AEng 121 (3 credits), and World Literature AEng 222 (3 credits).

AEng 100Z - Introduction to Analytical Writing. This course parallels an introductory college level writing course. College credit is given through SUNY Albany.

ACom 203 – Speech Composition and Presentation. This course parallels an introductory college level speech course. College credit is given through SUNY Albany.