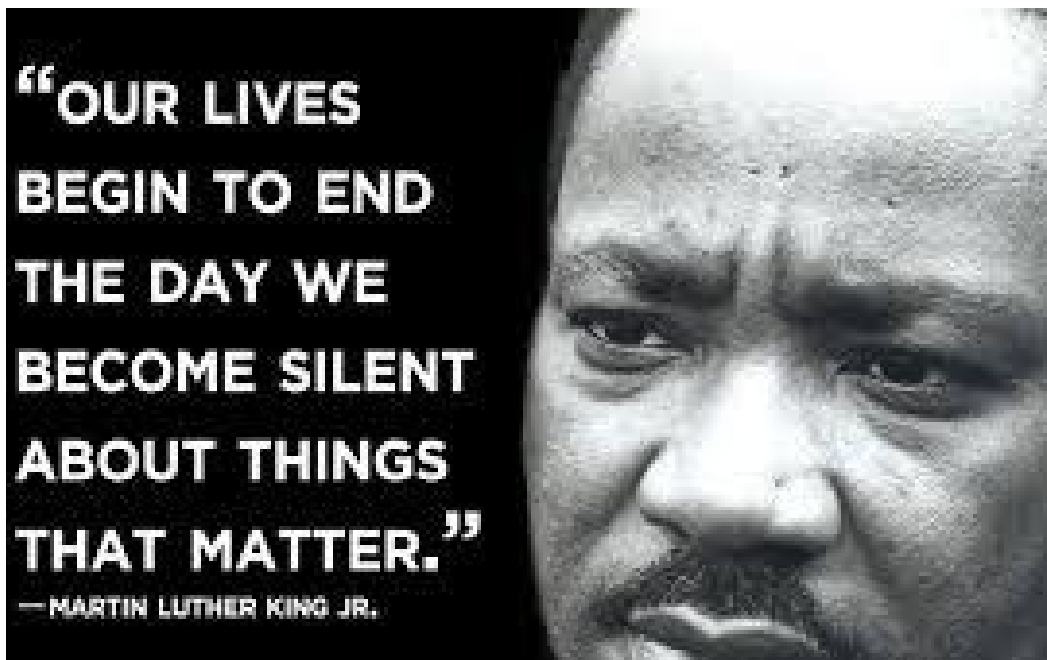


Diversity and Social Justice

New Westview High School course offering for 2017-2018

.5 elective credit - one semester - 10-12 grades

Teachers: Both Mr. Fritz and Ms. Labossiere (at the same time)!



Course Description: This discussion based class is grounded in the idea that race, class, and gender are not biological categories, but rather they are social constructs. We will examine the ways in which race, class, gender, language, culture, legal status, etc. define group identities. You will be asked to challenge the validity of certain social ‘norms’ so as to recognize the ways in which individuals either challenge, reinforce, or oppress others depending on how they are situated in relationship to these norms.

Why take this class?

- To develop listening, writing, critical thinking and speaking skills in a through a combination of discussions, articles, short stories, novels, poetry, writing exercises and films.
- To examine the cultural myths that infiltrate our understanding of society and ourselves.
- To develop individual ideas for responses to injustice and influence other students toward advocacy.
- To develop a common vocabulary that will help in having effective and deep conversations about race.

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