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TO: Social Studies Juniors
FROM: Anya Bassett, Director of Studies
RE: Junior Tutorial and Thesis Information

Welcome Back!

Tutorials

Information sessions for spring junior tutorials will be held on Tuesday, January 28th from 4-6 p.m. in the Social Studies classrooms in William James. Each tutorial leader will be available for 30 minutes during this time (a schedule will be posted in the office) to discuss their tutorial.

Lottery preference forms are due on Wednesday, January 29th at 10:30 a.m. You must turn in a hard copy of your preference form on time in order to receive full consideration in the lottery. Tutorial lists will be emailed to you by Thursday, January 30th at 2 p.m. Tutorials start meeting the week of February 3rd.

Thesis

You should be devoting a considerable amount of time this term to starting your senior thesis. In particular, **you should be looking for a thesis topic and a thesis supervisor. You will need to let the Social Studies office know who will be supervising your thesis by Monday, April 27th, and your supervisor will need to submit a form to us confirming that they are working with you.**

If you are having difficulty choosing a topic or finding a supervisor, please consult with your academic advisor, with Dr. Nicole Newendorp, the Assistant Director of Studies (newendor@fas or 496-5819), or with me (anya_bassett@harvard.edu or 496-1838).

You are required to complete a two-session thesis workshop during your junior year. Many of you have already done this in November. If you have not taken the workshop already, you must take it this term. The workshop is designed to provide you with basic information on writing a senior thesis and to help you get started finding a topic, choosing a supervisor, and applying for grants.

If you have not already completed the workshop, you will receive an email from me shortly, giving you information on registering for the February thesis workshop. Workshops will be held on Mondays, February 3rd and 10th, from 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays, February 7th and 14th, from 2-3:30 p.m. You must attend one session each week (unless you completed the first session in November) and turn in a short memo the second week.

ALL Social Studies Juniors must complete and hand in a copy of their thesis journals to the Social Studies office by **March 2nd. Those of you who have already taken the workshop know about this assignment; those of you who will take the workshop in February will learn about it then.**