## **ECON/CIVICS** Grade: 9-12

## **Course Description:**

Civics and Economics are a pair of semester-long courses taught using curriculum from Bob Jones University Press in a biblical perspective.

Civics prepares students for responsible citizenship with a discussion of the principles and mechanics of a constitutional republic. The course provides insight on a variety of topics such as the three branches of government, political parties, elections, foreign policy, and more. Focus will be on the current election cycle, including visits from political officials.

Economics introduces and explores key principles of economics from household purchases to the stock market. Each chapter of the main text includes personal finance sections which explain important economic principles and provide practical information about budgeting, banking, debt, credit and interest. Students will also learn about issues related to national economic systems and policies.

Cost per semester: \$150 per student, per semester (1.5 hr. per week course)

Material/Admin: \$ 15 per student, fee per semester Min. # of students: 8 Max. # of students: 20

Text: Economics and American Government, from BJU Press.

This is a two semester course and is worth ten units. A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of each semester.

## **Instructor: Mr. Peter Heffner**

Mr. Heffner is a native Southern Californian and attended Christian schools in the Valley from Kindergarten to the twelfth grade. It was there that he heard and accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ. His first exposure to public education was in college; he earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science at UCLA, where he returned for a Master of Education (MEd) and certification for teaching Social Science and Mathematics. Later, he added a Master of Arts in History at Clemson, South Carolina, completing both the American and European tracks. His thesis was on the American South.

Mr. Heffner spends his time running up local mountains, studying the Bible for answers to current political and social issues, singing in church choir, and reading history. He has completed more than a year of seminary coursework. He has taught various subjects from grade seven to college for twenty years.

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