

Dear Parents and Seventh Grade Students:

The National History Day (NHD) Program is an integral part of the seventh grade social studies and language arts curricula of the Diocese of Allentown and the Pennsylvania State Standards.

The NHD program helps students to develop: critical thinking and problem solving skills; research and reading skills; oral and written communication and presentation skills; and involvement in the democratic process.

This program provides students with the opportunity to choose historical topics related to a theme and conduct extensive primary and secondary research through libraries, archives, museums, oral history interviews, and historic sites.

This year's NHD theme is **Revolution, Reaction, and Reform**. The NHD website, www.nationalhistoryday.org is the authentic resource for NHD information on: getting started, understanding the NHD theme, learning the rule book, creating an entry, defining the categories, and writing the process paper.

After analyzing and interpreting their sources and drawing conclusions about their topics' significance in history, students present their work in one of five categories: original papers, interactive websites, three-dimensional exhibits, performances, or documentaries.

Students will receive: guided instruction; referrals for references; time lines for assignment due dates; and rubrics to complete this long-term NHD research project. However, the application of this knowledge is to be completed at home.

Final research projects are due the week of January 23, 2012.

Students will have the opportunity to qualify for regional, state, and national competition based on the review of a qualified NHD judging team.

*National History Day ~ ~ ~
It's not just a day...it's an experience*



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