

CONSTITUTION DAY

We the People of the United States

On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by 39 men who changed the course of history.

Constitution Day is a time to honor and continue their legacy.

In honor of Constitution Day, the following films will be shown in the Slowinski Courtroom on Thursday, September 17, 2009

9:00 am – 9:24 am & 1:10 pm – 1:34 pm	<p>Inside the Supreme Court</p> <p>This film begins with a brief history of the Supreme Court as an institution and the effect that the Court has had upon American Society. Interviews follow with all of the sitting Justices.</p>
9:30 am – 10:00 am & 1:40 pm – 2:10 pm	<p><i>A Conversation on the Constitution: Freedom of Speech</i></p> <p>Supreme Court Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Anthony M. Kennedy discuss students' free speech rights and the landmark cases <i>Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District</i> and <i>Morse v. Frederick</i>.</p>
10:05 am – 10:35 am & 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><i>Equal Justice Under Law: Marbury v. Madison</i></p> <p>This film examines the 1803 case that established the judiciary's authority to interpret the Constitution. Chief Justice Marshall's insistence on the principle of "judicial review" of acts of Congress brought him into conflict with President Thomas Jefferson, but it did establish the court's authority to declare laws unconstitutional.</p>
10:40 am – 11:15 am & 2:50 pm – 3:25 pm	<p><i>A Conversation on the Constitution: Judicial Independence</i></p> <p>Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor discuss why we need an independent judiciary. The justices discuss the ways that the Constitution safeguards the role of judges so that they in turn can safeguard the rights of minorities and those with unpopular views.</p>
11:20 am – 12:00 pm 3:30 pm – 4:10 pm	<p><i>A Conversation on the Constitution: The 14th Amendment</i></p> <p>Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg discusses the importance of the 14th Amendment and how it came to embody and protect the principle of "We the People."</p>
12:05 pm – 1:05 pm	<p><i>The American Constitution: The Road from Runnymede</i></p> <p>This film, hosted by Christopher Reeve, guides students through 600 years of political struggle from Magna Carta in 1215 to the Philadelphia Convention in 1787.</p>