Geography
Geography, the study of the earth’s physical and human characteristics, is a broad area of inquiry combining aspects of many different disciplines. This course encompasses the five themes of geography: location, place, human/environment interaction, movement, and region, as we study the earth in all its variety. Students examine patterns of human movement and migration, focusing on how the environment influences where humans live, how they live, and how they interact with each other. We create maps, analyze data, and study major regions of the world. Students explore the geography of various countries in South America, South and East Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa, paying particular attention to the cultural, political, linguistic, and religious composition of each country. Students are able describe the influence of geography on the events of the past and present with an emphasis on contemporary issues.