May 30, 2014

Dear Parents,

All high school students are asked to read **two** literary selections this summer.

All incoming freshmen, sophomores, and juniors have been assigned one short classic work, either a specific play or a very abridged version of an epic poem. These selections will be discussed and analyzed in the English classroom during the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, freshmen sophomores, and juniors must choose a novel to read from a selected list. Seniors can simply choose their two books that they wish to read from the given list.

During the first week of school in the fall, all students will take comprehension reading tests on their two literary works. If seniors do not have an English class

first semester, they will still be required to take the summer reading test at the

same time as all other students. The required reading and choices for each

grade level are on the back of this letter.

The titles are gleaned from recommended summer reading lists to maintain

fluency and to encourage independent reading. In addition, since many colleges expect students to have read a variety of classic literary works, this summer

reading will increase their literary exposure. Students may easily find these titles

at libraries and bookstores.

Maybe friends can decide together what book to read and even join book clubs

and meet at coffeehouses ☺! Hopefully, summer and reading and pleasure will unite for everyone’s literary benefit.

We wish everyone a blessed summer!

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Christopherson, Mrs. Horlings, Ms. Hostetter, and Mrs. Wolfe

**Summer Reading Selections for Summer, 2014**

 **9th Grade**

 You must read ***Inherit the Wind*** by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee.

 You must also **choose one** of these choices:

 *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

 *The Scopio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater

 **10th Grade**

 You must read ***The Odyssey*** by Homer, the VERY abridged version loaned to you.

 You must also **choose one** of these contemporary, best-selling novels:

 *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer

 *The Scopio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater

 **11th Grade**

 You must read ***The Importance of Being Ernest*** by Oscar Wilde

 You must also **choose one** of these contemporary, best-selling novels:

 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

 *Sarah’s Key* by *Tatiana De Rosnay*

 *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

 **12th Grade**

 You must read **two books** from the following list:

 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

 *Sarah’s Key* by *Tatiana De Rosnay*

 *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

 *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell (nonfiction)

 **Note:** AP English students will be reading three novels: *The Doll’s House*,

 *The Kite Runner*, and *The Scarlet Letter*.