

## **JUNIOR SUMMER LETTER**

Dear Juniors,

This year you will be studying **Renaissance to Early Modern Literature**. The Curriculum Committee has chosen an ambitious reading list that includes many of the greatest plays, poems and novels written during the time period. I am confident that this introduction to the classics will deepen your appreciation of literature and the beauty of our language, and will help you to become better writers.

### **English Summer Reading**

To get a jump on the year, the Curriculum Committee has assigned the novel *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen for summer reading (ISBN 0743487591). This book should be available at any major book store or used online. It is also available on tape or CD. If you think it may increase your understanding and enjoyment of the novel, we encourage you to read along while listening to the recording. We will be discussing this novel for the first couple weeks of the school year.

### **History Summer Reading**

For your History class next year, the committee has assigned *Edmund Campion* by Evelyn Waugh. In this biography, Waugh tells of the mission and martyrdom of the famous Jesuit priest in Queen Elizabeth's Protestant England. This book is published by Ignatius Press and may need to be ordered online. The ISBN is 9781586170431.

### **Books for the Year**

Next year you will be reading several photocopied selections from larger works as well as many poems. The school has compiled a Renaissance to Early Modern Literature Reader which will be distributed the first week of school. All other works of literature must be purchased by each individual student by the beginning of the school year. Many of these books are available at major book stores, but I suggest ordering them all online because it is usually cheaper. They can all be found at <http://www.amazon.com>. Used copies can be found on the Amazon website. Used books can take longer to ship to your house, so don't wait until a week before school starts to order! The Dover Thrift editions are available at <http://store.doverpublications.com> for cheaper than they are on amazon.

Students are required to use the particular edition listed below and students may not use abridged editions of any of these books.

*Macbeth* by Shakespeare

**Folger Shakespeare Library** Edition  
ISBN 9780743477109

*Paradise Lost* by John Milton

**Signet Classic** Edition  
ISBN 0451531833

Continued on back

*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

**Bantam Classic Edition**  
ISBN 0553211765

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by R. L. Stevenson

**Dover Thrift Edition**  
ISBN 0486266885

*The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

**Dover Thrift Edition**  
ISBN 0486264785

I look forward to seeing familiar faces again in the fall. Enjoy your summer and be sure to read!

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