

June 25, 2010

Dear St. Joseph Academy High School Students,

Following you will find St. Joseph's ***Summer Reading Requirement***. Statistics show that students lose 75% of what they learn the school year over the summer. Our summer reading program is designed to increase your comprehension and knowledge. In addition it will enhance vocabulary, as well as critical thinking skills. It should also be enjoyable!

Check the class in which you are enrolled, you must read the following list of books before the first day of school. You will not receive credit if the reading is not completed by the first day of class. No make-up tests will be given. Students should read carefully because comprehension of the book will be a critical factor for success on the test, which will include an essay and a variety of questions.

Freshman/Freshman Honors Literature:

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

*In addition Honors must read:

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Sophomores/Sophomore Honors World Literature:

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas (slightly abridged version o.k.)

In addition Honors must read:

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

Juniors/Junior Honors American Literature:

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

In addition Honors must read:

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

Senior AP British Literature:

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Sincerely in Christ,

Mary O'Gara and John Marchica
High School English Teachers

* You must have had an "B+" or better in your 8th Grade English class to be placed in Honors English.