

May 2011

Dear Parent(s),

Students will read a book or books, depending on the level of history course they are taking for the 2011-2012 school year. Each student must take typed notes on each chapter of the books. After “turnitin.com” instructions have been provided during the first week of school, students will then upload their typed notes to “turnitin.com”. If the notes have been plagiarized, then the students will not be allowed to use them for the test in early September, or for a first quarter paper. If a student is involved in a plagiarism situation, he will receive sanctions according to the Academic Integrity Policy found in the student handbook.

Most students will also be assigned to view a video. After viewing the respective DVD, students are to complete a two page, double-spaced review of the movie. The format of this review will be as follows:

- a. the first two-thirds of the review will consist of a plot summary of the movie.
- b. the last one-third of the review will be the student’s opinion of the movie

Students will also be required to upload their video reviews to “turnitin.com”, per teacher directions in early September.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer.

God Bless,

Joseph T. Brennan, Jr.
Principal

SUMMER ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENTS

Freshmen – All Levels:

Book: *Red Scarf Girl* by Ji -Li Jiang

DVD: *Gandhi* starring Ben Kingsley

Sophomores- All Levels:

Book: *The First Salute* by Barbara Tuchman Honors

DVD: *Amistad* starring Morgan Freeman

Juniors - CP, CP I:

Book: *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

DVD: *Saving Private Ryan* starring Tom Hanks

Juniors - Honors:

Books: *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

Kennedy Nixon by Christopher Matthews

DVD: *Saving Private Ryan* starring Tom Hanks

Juniors - AP:

Books: *Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Brown

A Voyage Long and Strange by Tony Horwitz

No DVD for the AP class

Seniors - CP I and Honors

Book: *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling* by Ross King

DVD: *Breaker Morant* (1980)

Seniors - AP:

Books: *Candide* by Voltaire

Utopia by Thomas More

No DVD for the AP class

