



Round Lake Senior High School

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Dear incoming English 1 Honors Students,

Welcome to high school! We are so excited about the upcoming school year and your participation in English 1 Honors. The beginning of the school year will be here before we know it, so we wanted to take the time to review your summer work requirements and give you time to contact us with any questions.

Prior to the start of the school year, it is important that you complete the following in order to begin the school year off on the right foot. Summer work is not given as a punishment for your accomplishments but as a means to maximize our class time to progress through a challenging course.

- Log on to the English 1 Honors Summer Work Canvas course and accept the invitation.
- Look at the Home Page and click through each of the pages to learn more about your teachers and the upcoming course.
- **Required summer reading:** Over the summer, you need to choose **ONE** book listed below to read at your leisure. You must come to school in August prepared to talk about and do activities with your book. You can choose to purchase one of the books below, or we have provided a PDF version of each book in Canvas. If you click on the picture of the book in Canvas, it will bring you to the PDF for it.
 - *Looking for Alaska* by John Green (ISBN 978-0142402511)
 - *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson (ISBN 978-0312674397)
 - *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson (ISBN 978-0380805600)
- Over the summer, you will see a variety of videos, discussions, and activities uploaded to the summer Canvas course. We do NOT want you to feel pressured to participate in the activities over the summer if you do not want to. The assignments and activities posted are merely a way to stimulate your minds over the summer and allow you to be creative. The activities will also allow you to connect with your teachers and classmates before the start of the school year.

Although we are not in the building during the summer, we will check email every few days. You can expect a response within a few days of contacting us. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in class!

Sincerely,

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