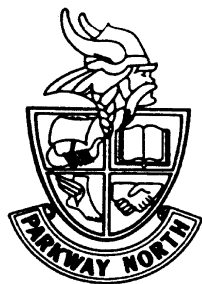


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Dear Class of 2023 Honors Student,

Welcome to the Honors English program at Parkway North High School. Our honors program is a rigorous and challenging one, but also an interesting and rewarding experience. We look forward to building on your middle school learning and helping you become better writers and students of literature.

Please sign up for the following account as soon as possible. We would like to be able to communicate with you over the summer to send reminders and answer any questions you may have. Please sign in to **Google Classroom** by going to <https://classroom.google.com>. Sign in with your school Google account, and join the class by clicking "Go to Classroom" and then "+" to add a class. **The class code is 6t43mp.** When you add the class, it should then say "Honors English 1 Summer, 2019."

1) Writing Sample

Your first assignment for +English 1 is to write an introduction of yourself as both a person and a student. Please use MLA format for a multi-paragraph piece that is no longer than three pages and addresses the following prompts:

- What kind of student are you? Why are you taking Honors English in particular?
- Discuss a book that you have enjoyed in the past. How does this reflect you as a person?
- If you have a poem, song or play that impacted you, tell us about that as well! (Do this in addition to a book please, not instead of.)
- Tell us about some of your other characteristics and interests outside of academics to help us get to know you as a person.

Please submit your written introduction to Google Classroom no later than Thursday, August 8. (Yes, this is **before** school begins! You may submit it earlier as well.) We want to start getting to know you even before we meet face to face!

2) Reading Assignment

We will begin the year with a Short Story unit to introduce you to the kind of reading and annotation you will be doing in the Honors English program. To begin the unit, you must read Anton Chekov's short story "The Bet." You can access the text on the Google Classroom; print it so that you can annotate as you read. (If printing is a problem for you, there will be copies available at the North High Guidance office.) Pay attention not only to plot, but also to literary elements such as conflict, characterization, setting, irony, theme, etc.

We encourage you to obtain your own copy of the works we study so that you can take notes in them and begin building a library of great books. You can buy all books we read at a 20% discount at our bookstore, which also assures you common page numbers with our class.

Remember that you should submit your introduction to Classroom no later than Friday, August 8 (though you are welcome to submit it earlier in the summer!). In the meantime, enjoy the novel, and do as much reading and writing as you can over the summer! We look forward to meeting you in August!

Sincerely,

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