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RE: ENGLISH - 9th Grade Honors Program

Dear Student:

As a college bound student, you need to read many substantial literary works during your school experience to develop excellent comprehension and analysis skills. In order to accomplish this objective, the following summer reading has been assigned. During the first week of school, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate the degree of knowledge and insight you have obtained from these books by way of discussion, objective tests, and essays.

During your summer break, you will be required to read the following books: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *1984* by George Orwell. These novels have been chosen because of their literary value and also because of their availability either in the public libraries or local book stores. It is highly recommended that you, as an Honors student, purchase your own copies of these works, enabling you to highlight relevant and pertinent passages and information.

During your first week of school in September, please be prepared to write essays on both novels.

Welcome to the 9th Grade Honors Program in English which will, I am sure, be a challenging one for you. As with all learning, please keep in mind that the keys to success will be your willingness to analyze the works of literature in our curriculum and the degree of effort you put forth during the school year.

Have an enjoyable and *well-read* summer!

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