June 1, 2019

Dear Incoming 9th Grade Families,

As your child prepares to begin his/her high school experience, it is important that you know about summer assignments. All students, grades 9-12, who enroll in an honors level or Advanced Placement course in English, social studies, science, or math at Parkland High School will be required to complete a summer assignment for the course. These assignments are designed to help students enhance their reading and writings skills during the summer months and to provide students with a springboard for new learning in the fall. All assignments are accessible through Schoology, and so to access the assignments, please do the following:

1. Log into Schoology, http://parkland.schoology.com, using your Parkland ID # and Schoology password. (You may also access Schoology by going through the Clever portal using the “Quick Links” tool at the top of the PHS webpage.)
2. Once logged in, click on “Groups” at the top of the page.
3. Click “Join” at the bottom and enter this access code: B5XDR-S67D6
4. Follow instructions on the PHS Summer Assignments Group Page to access your summer assignment(s).

All summer assignments will be accessible on our Schoology Summer Assignment Group Page on/before June 14th. Students do not need to pick up any textbooks for summer assignments as all can now be accessed, completed, and/or printed directly from Schoology. However, Honors English 9 does have required readings for which novels are needed. While students are strongly encouraged to purchase their own copies, they will be able to sign these out from the PHS Library starting Monday, June 17th between 9 AM – 12 PM, Monday – Friday (except for July 4-5, when all schools and offices will be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday). Please note that all books for summer work must be picked up on or before Friday, August 2nd. Books will NOT be available for pick up in the library after that date. In addition, please check out the “Quick Materials Needed Guide for Summer Enrichment” document on our website and on our Schoology Group Page to see if your child needs to check out a book/textbook or pick up supplementary materials for his/her summer assignment.

All students planning to take honors/AP courses must complete the summer assignments, including those currently registered and those who will transfer into these courses after the start of the year. This also applies to students who are participating in summer enrichment courses who plan to advance to the next honors/AP level course in the sequence next school year. There are no exceptions.

If you have a question about an assignment, please communicate with the teacher listed as the contact for the subject area assignment. Any Schoology questions should be directed to Mrs. Lauren Will, willl@parklandsd.org, and other questions should be directed to me at the high school, bennickt@parklandsd.org. Thank you for your cooperation, and we wish you and your child a safe and productive summer.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Principal