



DOMINICAN ACADEMY

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Dear Members of the Class of 2024,

Welcome to Dominican Academy! I am looking forward to meeting all of you individually this September.

For your 9th grade Introduction to Literature course, you are required to read four works during the summer: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare, *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles, *Night* by Elie Wiesel, and *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. We will share instructions on where and how to purchase these titles--it is important that you purchase the correct edition, so please await these instructions. It is essential that we all have the same edition to facilitate our in-class discussions.

I encourage you to highlight or underline passages in your books as you read. When we start classes in September, you will be quizzed on the *basic* characters and plot of each work. Do not worry if you do not understand aspects of these works; we will be studying each one in depth as your year progresses. Read carefully, take notes, and jot down any questions or reactions you may have on the pages of your book. Be careful not to lose these books! You will need them next year and you **must** use these editions.

Your first year of high school is a year of transition and it can be challenging -- but it can be fun, too! I hope you take advantage of all that Dominican Academy has to offer throughout the course of your four years here.

Have a wonderful summer, stay well, and I will see you in September!

Sincerely,

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