



# PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## John Marshall Fundamental Secondary School

Dear Students and Families:

Incoming **8<sup>th</sup> Grade English** students must complete the following assignments. You are expected to complete the assignments with excellence. Summer work will be due the first week of school and assignments will be averaged into the first semester grade.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Required Reading & Writing**

1. Write a personal response analysis after reading the required book *Dear Martin*. Instructions on how to write the personal response analysis are on the next page.

*Dear Martin* by Nic Stone

You are responsible for obtaining copies of the books from a library or bookstore and completing the writing assignments. Any sign of plagiarism (either from the internet or fellow students) will result in an "F".

### **WRITING ASSIGNMENT**

#### **Book Review for both *Dear Martin***

**DIRECTIONS:** Write a **1 page**, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, response paper for *Dear Martin*. Your review should include the following:

- Introduce the book and author in the first sentence along with the main idea.
- Brief summary - what was the book about in a bit more detail?
- What did you think while reading the book?
- What emotional reactions did you have?
- Who was your favorite character and why?
- What lessons were learned from reading this book?

Personal Response Analysis papers are due the first week of school.

We look forward to teaching you next year!

Sincerely,  
Your English 8 Teachers