

June 2017

## Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Honors English IV Student:

You have enrolled in Honors English IV, indicating your serious desire to attend an institution of higher learning after graduation. We are aware that the senior year is a busy, exciting, and often hectic series of events, projects, and decisions for most college preparatory students. We hope that you begin this year with a desire to stay organized, to learn, to meet your short-term academic goals, and to prepare yourself for your academic goals beyond commencement.

You have been assigned Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. Two components will be used to evaluate your reading of this selected text.

### **Evaluation Tool 1**– Objective Test

Prepare for one 50-question objective test to be given during the first week of school. This test will evaluate your knowledge of parts of speech, figurative language, and poetic devices.

### **Evaluation Tool 2** – Essay

Your September writing sample will relate to Hardy's *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*. Please be sure to analyze literary techniques as you read. It is recommended that as you read you take notes related to the following: setting, characterization, plot, major themes, and point of view. We will continue analyzing these elements throughout the year, using a different novel each marking period.

Most of the literature examined in this course involves a chronological study of British authors and works. The reading of this novel along with the One Book, One School book will be an interesting beginning to what, we hope, will be a rewarding senior year for you.

Have a great summer. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Members of the English Department