Hello and welcome to your junior year of high school! This year we will be working on many skills including theme, character, and voice. In order to prepare for the upcoming assignment, you are asked to consider the following essential question:

How are people transformed through their relationships with others?

This question will be the basis for our learning upon returning to school. This question does not have one right or wrong answer, so you are asked to used information and evidence that you may find in novels, current event articles, nonfiction texts, etc. to begin to think about a response.

Upon your return to school, you will be asked to complete a written response about the essential question. If you choose to take notes about the evidence you find over the summer, you may use those notes while completing your written response. The notes must be typed and can be no longer that one-page, double-sided, double-spaced paper with a minimum of size 12 font.

*Our first unit will include the novel The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger.

**Please do NOT attempt to answer the question in a written response over the summer as you will not be permitted to use that response when completing your in-class writing.

**This is NOT a mandatory summer assignment. It is suggested to help you prepare for the upcoming school year.

The most important action you can take this summer is to READ! Everything! Reading 20 minutes a day exposes you to 1.8 million words a year! This will help your speaking, reading, and writing skills.

If you have any questions over the summer, please contact us via email:

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