

June 12, 2018

Dear 8th Grade Families,

I am looking forward to teaching your child in English Language Arts and Literature classes this fall.

Over the summer each student is required to read *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. Students may choose to read either *A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles, or *Forge*, by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Students will be tested on these books immediately upon their return to school in September. The test grades will be their first grade for the semester.

In 8th grade, students will read a variety of short stories, novels, plays, and poetry. We will continue to build grammar, vocabulary, writing, and reading comprehension skills.

I strive to help students develop critical thinking, and to deepen their imagination through writing, discussion, and asking questions. I want to help students discover their strengths and empower them to reach their full potential.

Students are expected to come to class prepared, to take notes, to participate in class discussion, and to be respectful of each other. Students will be graded on class participation, conduct, effort, timely completion of assignments, papers, reports, quizzes, and tests.

Students are encouraged to submit writing assignments through Google classroom. I also use Google classroom to post assignments and announcements. In the fall I will check in with you to get updated email addresses, and I will invite you to join Google classroom so that you will have access to announcements and assignments.

Please send the following items with your child on the first day of school.

- 3 ring binder to hold folders and paperwork
- Divider tabs
- Lined loose leaf paper with holes to fit in binder
- Pens and pencils
- 2 boxes of tissues
- \$25 check made out to St. Peter School to order books that we will read during the year

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is badams@saint-peter-school.org. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer. I look forward to working with your child in the fall.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Adams

English Language Arts and Literature
Grades 7 and 8