

June 15, 2010

Dear AP Literature Students,

I hope you are enjoying your summer thus far. It is hard to believe that you are ready to complete your senior year at SHC. I am so excited to work with you this year, exploring great books and engaging in lively conversation about literature from a variety of perspectives, including cultural, historical, and gender.

Your first assignment for English 12 is to complete your summer reading of Oscar Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and to engage in an online discussion using the SHC Ning. In order to complete the assignment you must do the following *per novel*:

- Choose 2 discussion threads to which you will post an original response. In each of your responses, which are to be approximately 250 words in length (a well-developed paragraph), you must cite and respond to a piece of text (remember to include your parenthetical citation!).
- Comment upon or respond to 1 posting of your classmates (these posts should be approximately 150 words in length).

Discussion communities will be available on the SHC Ning beginning July 15th. We expect all students to have completed three of the six postings by August 1st, and all six postings must be completed by August 30th. The quality of your responses will be graded and included in your first trimester average.

In order to access the Holy Child Ning, go to <http://holychildschools.ning.com>. Once there, login and search the groups for Summer Reading 2010: *Dorian Gray* and Summer Reading 2010: *Pride & Prejudice*. More detailed instructions are available on the Holy Child website (<http://www.holychildrye.org>).

If you have any questions or trouble accessing the Ning, please do not hesitate to email me (k.gazso@holychildrye.org).

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you upon your return in September.

Best,

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