

June 15, 2010

Dear Twelfth Grade Students,

We hope you are enjoying your summer thus far. It is hard to believe that you are ready to complete your senior year at SHC. We are excited to work with you this year, exploring great books and engaging in lively conversation about literature which explores the “loss of innocence” theme.

Your first assignment for English 12 is to complete your summer reading of Oscar Wilde’s *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and Eugene O’Neill’s *A Long Day’s Journey Into Night* and engage in an online discussion using the SHC Ning. In order to complete the assignment you must do the following *per text*:

- Choose 2 discussion threads to which you will post an original response. In your response, which is approximately 200-250 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 by your teacher 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: *Long Day’s Journey into Night* and Summer Reading 2010: *Dorian Gray*. 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 us (k.gazso@holychildrye.org or r.povec@holychildrye.org).

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

Best,

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