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To Students and Parents or Guardians:

On behalf of the English Department I would like to welcome you (or welcome you back) to Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The attached pages provide information about the high school's summer reading program, which is required for all HVRHS students. The reading lists and writing tasks are specific to the classes in which students have been placed by the guidance department. The written tasks accompanying the reading will help teachers assess your reading and writing skills and will serve as important introductions to the courses you have chosen for next year.

It is the department's philosophy that reading should be a positive experience, so whenever possible, please select a summer reading selection that appeals to your personal interests. The material in the reading selections will help students better understand major themes examined in class and provide them with essential background knowledge for the course.

All students and parents, then, should consider the summer reading and the accompanying written assignment to be mandatory, and should know that it shall be graded accordingly. For an incoming or returning student to receive credit for his or her summer reading, the accompanying assignment must be submitted to the classroom teacher on the first day of class.

If you have any questions regarding the high school's summer reading program, you may email me at the address below. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Damon P. Osora". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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