

# North Hunterdon High School

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Dear Student:

English teachers, in consultation with the school librarians, have compiled a program that we feel is worthy of your time and effort. The primary goal of the program is to encourage you to experience the joys of reading. Moreover, national reading studies indicate a high correlation between reading and personal achievement in school and throughout life.

The English Department requires that each of you, with the exception of AP students, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English students, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Core English students, read two books from your grade-level list during the summer. **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Core English students** are required to read one book from the list. **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English students** are required to read *The Iliad* (Fagel translation) and one other 9<sup>th</sup> grade book. During your English class on Friday, September 3, 2010, you will be required to demonstrate that you have read these books.

The summer reading lists can be found on the North Hunterdon High School website: [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/mediacenter](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/mediacenter). Click on "Summer Reading." Please use the list that corresponds to the school and grade that you will be entering in the fall of 2010. In addition, hard copies of the lists can be found at the North Hunterdon or Voorhees libraries.

Many of you will wish to own copies of these books so that you can write in them. For those of you who do not wish to purchase the books, the high school libraries will have copies.

The libraries at both schools will be open until 3:10 p.m. through June 10. You and your parents are invited to visit the libraries during these times to check out books. As a result of budget cuts, the high school libraries will not offer summer library hours for circulating books, but Hunterdon County library branches and local bookstores have been alerted to the program and have limited quantities of many of the titles.

The English Department looks upon this program as an integral component of academic achievement and encourages you to take this seriously so you can meet with success. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to continuing our academic tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caitlin Ryan".

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