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Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Freshmen:

The English Department would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to Moore Catholic High School. Attached please find the summer reading list for the incoming freshmen class. Students of English 9 are required to read two out of the three works, while students of English 9 PSA are required to read all three books listed. There will also be assignments that PSA students must complete which will be submitted on their first full day of classes.

Please note that there will be exams during the first week of the school that include both works and the vocabulary words.

In the past it has been our experience that many freshmen do not realize the importance of summer reading. The exam will be difficult to pass without thoroughly reading the assigned works. The grade they receive on the exam and paper will be factored into their first quarter English average.

Have a happy and healthy summer and see you in September.

Sincerely,
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English Department Coordinator

MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SUMMER READING
FRESHMEN 2017-2018

INCOMING FRESHMEN

All students taking English 9 are ***required*** to read:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time –Mark Haddon

and choose **one** of the following works. Be prepared to be tested on both readings:

My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Piccoult

Cycles of Lies: The Fall of Lance Armstrong – Juliet Macur

INCOMING FRESHMEN (PSA Students)

Students will be required to read all of the following:

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou

Into the Wild – Jon Krakauer

The Glass Castle – Jeanette Walls

Be prepared to be tested on all of your works.

You are required to do two of the following tasks:

- 1) Based on *The Glass Castle*, in what ways are the children stronger because of their childhood experiences.
- 2) In *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, the author overcomes many obstacles. Choose two, and for each, discuss how the author overcomes them.
- 3) Based on *Into the Wild*, Chris often escaped into the stories of the characters in the books he read. How do you think this influenced his world view! His relationships with others? Or his goals and aspirations?

Answer each of the above tasks in separate, five paragraph essays, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font.