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Dear Honors Students and Parents of Honors Students,

Congratulations to the students for their aspirations to excel in Language Arts by taking Honors level English next year! Students entering Honors English, grades nine through twelve, have a summer reading and/or writing requirement to fulfill before the first day of school. Students will be assessed on these assignments during the first week of school.

Students entering English 9 Honors need to acquire and read a copy of *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. It is highly recommended that students purchase the book so that they may write in it and have those notes available in September when school starts. To prepare for discussion and assessment the first week of school, students should take notes for each chapter in answer to these questions: What are the strengths and weaknesses of Okonkwo? Are his traits admirable? Why or why not? Students should be sure to include page numbers of examples if notes are on a separate paper from the text. These notes will be used for the assessment.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Davidson
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