Welcome to Honors 12! Honors classes are designed to be more rigorous and challenging than the required English Language Arts courses. Please be aware that Honors English requires more complex reading and writing assignments throughout the school year, as well as a summer reading assignment. A study guide is available at [www.pmsd.org](http://www.pmsd.org) on the Academics link under “Summer Reading.” Since this is an independent reading assignment, completion of the study guide is highly recommended.

Students who have enrolled in Honors 12 will be required to read Albert Camus’ *The Stranger*. Set in Algeria before World War II, this fast-moving absurdist novel deals with the questions that examine detachment, morality and justice. It is available through libraries, bookstores and online vendors. It is also available for free at:


An assessment of this work will occur during the first week of school, so please be sure to prepare carefully and be ready with questions you may have about the novel when classes begin in the fall.

Enjoy *The Stranger*, and have a safe and restful summer.

Sincerely,

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