**Welcome to Honors English III!! Summer 2011**

This letter will tell you everything you need to know to get started on your Honors III studies over the summer. Please don’t hesitate to come talk to me or e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns.

This summer you will be reading two books. First, everyone will read the non-fiction account of Chris McCandless and his great Alaskan adventure in *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. Next, you may choose one of the two following novels to read: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston or *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. You may read your two chosen books in either order.

Honors English students are responsible for acquiring their own copies of the books. Check with local libraries, bookstores, or even upperclassmen who may be willing to part with their copies.

When we return to school in the fall, we’ll take a two-part test over the summer reading. The first part of this test will be short-answer, right or wrong questions about basic plot points. The second part of the test is an essay test, where you can really show your understanding of the reading. For this part of the test, you may use your copies of the books as well as any notes you marked in the books as you read.

Remember: summer reading is an English department requirement for all honors courses. The two-part test will count as your first test grade of first semester when we return to school in the fall, so make sure you have thoroughly read the books and are ready!

I think that’s it! Contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Have a great summer, and I’ll see you next fall!

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Newton Public Library—computers; books; librarians—always a good resource!

Newton High School: 316-284-6280—secretaries—always a good resource!

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