**Welcome to AP English!! Summer 2016**

This letter will tell you everything you need to know to get started on your Advanced Placement 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 three books: *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Visit my website (address below) for more information on all three books. Start with the Foster; it will help you read and analyze the novels. You may read the novels in either order.

AP 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. E-books are another great option; *Pride and Prejudice* is free through Amazon.

As you read this summer, choose three different chapters from Foster’s book, and create a digital project that demonstrates your understanding of how both novels fit into the concepts explained in those three chapters.  Your examples may fit either seriously or ironically into Foster’s theories on the concepts.

---Example projects:  PowerPoint, Prezi, Google Slides, video, etc.

 Be prepared to present your project during the first week of school.  Your presentation should be a maximum of five minutes long.

 In addition, in the first week of class, you will take a comprehension test over all three books. This closed-book, closed-note test will ask you several short answer questions and one essay-length question over various elements of the books.

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