

Honors English 9 Parent Information
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Please review the following and return by Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

This year students of English 9 on Team One have the option to participate in the Honors Challenge. A few weeks ago I sent an e-mail to students explaining this opportunity and asking for them to discuss the option with you and then see me if interested.

Attached is a contract for you to read and sign if your child plans to participate. Successful completion of the program will earn an honors credit called English 9H on the report card and transcripts.

Honors Challenge students will remain in the same English classes they are currently in, they will simply be working on other work outside of class. This work includes independent reading and work based on books from the Collegeboard.com recommended reading list for college bound students. I have attached a list of these books. Most of these titles are available in our school library, so you do not need to purchase extra books. Depending upon the books chosen, I will require that students read three to four of these titles per quarter. As well, students will be working for an hour or more weekly on the Collegeboard.com Web site. You may sign up on this site for free by following the instructions at <http://www.collegeboard.com/about/index.html>. Your child will have access to all kinds of PSAT and SAT preparation tools and an actual SAT Question of the Day will be mailed daily.

How is the Honors Challenge recognized and graded?

A student receives honors credit at the end of the school year by completing all of the Honors Challenge assignments in English.

As with any course, a student may receive a grade from “A” to “F” depending on the quality and timeliness of the work he or she completes. The student’s transcript will simply reflect the student’s grade in English 9H as opposed to English 9

How does a student enroll in the Honors Challenge for a course?

Parents and students need to read this information carefully, sign and date the permission form, and return it by Friday, November 14.

Can students opt out?

Students may opt out of the Honors Challenge on or before our return from Christmas vacation. In order for a student to drop, another permission form will be sent home for a parent signature.

Honors English 9 Permission Form

Please return by October 7, 2009

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (printed): _____

I have read the attached information and discussed the Honors Challenge with my student.

_____ The above student will be participating in the Honors Challenge for English 9 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

_____ The above student will NOT be participating in the Honors Challenge.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Date: _____