

## SUMMER READING FOR INCOMING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH HONORS STUDENTS

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors English Students and Parents,

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! Reading is a necessary skill for academics, but it is also a way to learn about other people, time periods, places, and cultures. While I hope you read several books this summer on your own, I picked out one book I would like all incoming honors 8<sup>th</sup> graders to read: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain. You will surely read Mark Twain in high school, so exposure to this text will be a great way to kick off our academic year together. You will write a book report according to the following guidelines:

- 1.) Read the book (don't wait until the last minute)!
- 2.) Write a book report of at least 3 paragraphs, double-spaced and 12 pt. font  
The book report should include the following:

Describe Tom in five adjectives

Where does Tom live? Describe his town

What is Tom's relationship with Huck Finn like?

How would you describe Tom's relationship with Becky?

What happens to Injun Joe at the end of the novel?

THIS IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! HAPPY SUMMER AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!