English I/II Honors

Welcome to English I/II Honors.

I hope you are enjoying your summer.

This is a reminder that as a ninth grader enrolled in English I/IIH, you are required to read an additional summer novel. The novel is *Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis, who is one of the great literary and theological minds of the twentieth century. You have probably heard of his great fantasy series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. This book is not so much fantasy as it is science fiction. I should also mention that it is the first of three books in his Space Trilogy. You need not read the other two, but I would encourage you to do so in the future.

While you are reading, pay careful attention to the adventures in which Ransom participates and make note of the list of words on Vocabulary.com: https://www.vocabulary.com/lists/6074219. When you return in August, we will discuss both the novel and the words.

In addition to *Out of the Silent Planet*, you have one more summer reading assignment. It is an excerpt from the document, *The Summa Theologica* by St. Thomas Aquinas. This excerpt is an example of a *non-fiction primary source,* and it will give you a different perspective on theology and the Middle Ages, which makes for the setting of a couple of our books this year.

You have also been given a set of questions to guide you while reading. Please answer each of these questions in 2-3 sentences. They will be the basis of our class discussion when you return. Understand that Aquinas is a very complex writer, and this is a difficult piece. Just do your best. The important thing is that you try.

If there is a problem with this email or you cannot open the attached documents, you can find all summer reading materials on the Brother Martin website. Look for the section labelled Announcements. Under this heading, click on the section called Summer Reading Information.

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