Dear Class of 2016 English 10ADV students,

I would like to welcome you to sophomore year and to English 10 Advanced! Your work and dedication last year has helped you to successfully move to the next advanced level in English. This year will further hone your skills in writing and critical analysis of language and literature as well as prepare you to meet the challenges of English 11 Advanced Placement in your junior year. Because you have met with the rigors of English 9ADV, I have high expectations for your work ethic and your desires for growth in knowledge and understanding. English 10 Advanced will be challenging, but most of all, I hope that it will be rewarding!

As a transition into sophomore English and to keep your minds sharp over the summer, you will be required to read the play *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt. The play is available at any local and online bookstore. Unfortunately, it is not available in ereader format (such as a Kindle Reader or Barnes and Noble Nook). After reading the play, you will also do the following:

I. Research these three topics:
   1. Two short biography articles on Saint Thomas More from Roman Catholic publications and websites (not books, novels, or Wikipedia)
   2. The instances of a “cup” in the Bible using [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org) (utilize the King James Version and the New International Version)
   3. Dr. Stanley Milgram’s experiment on obedience to authority (strictly online, but go beyond Wikipedia for this)

II. Take notes on the topics above, giving THREE relevancies to the play for each topic; in other words, how information from the topic is connected or relevant to information or ideas in the play. These notes will be in simple bullet points, typed, one to one and a half pages in length.

The typed notes will be submitted on the **first day of school**. An objective test on the play *A Man for All Seasons* will be on the **second day of school**. There will also be an in-class writing assignment on the play within the first week of school.

Before any of this, your first homework assignment is to email Mr. McElvogue at cmcelvogue@saintbonaventure.com with your regularly used email address. I will expect an email from you no later than the end of July. Emailing me will also be your confirmation that you received and read this letter. Please feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

I am looking forward to meeting you and teaching you in this coming school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Connan McElvogue