



# Saint Bonaventure High School

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Dear Junior AP Students,

I am looking forward to our class next year. We will be reading American literature as well as learning to critically analyze literary techniques of various writers.

Please read the following books and be ready to discuss and write about them. As you read *A Separate Peace*, write down the lines that cause you to think deeply or question the characters, the plot, or the themes. Create a reader's log by recording at least three quotes from each chapter followed by your comments. The journal should be typed. The reader's journal that you create will be due the second day of school. I would strongly advise you to take notes on the other novels so that you can refer to them when we study them. Please be prepared for a quiz on the assigned reading.

*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles  
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

I hope you enjoy a fun, relaxing summer. Junior year is a very challenging one; it is perhaps the most difficult of the four. I look forward to making the journey with you. See you in August.

God bless and keep you.  
Mrs. Theresa Basolo