

June 15, 2022

Dear In-coming 8th Grade St. Joseph Students,

As I begin to prepare for our next school year in ELA and literature; I have chosen your summer reading books as an introduction to the themes and main ideas we will be reading and analyzing. The elements found in your summer reading will serve as the basis for class discussions and a foundation for further study.

This year we will begin by discussing and analyzing the memoir, *I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzal (2014) (Young Readers Edition)*. In her memoir, Malala uses beautiful and descriptive language to give readers an in-depth understanding of events in her young life. I would like you **to choose three (3) different passages from her memoir that you found particularly meaningful and describe why those particular words of hers stood out as being worthwhile or inspirational to you.** A passage could be something she stated directly, something she described or even one simple but significant or meaningful sentence of hers. Hand write or type the passage with the page number and explain or interpret the meaning of it in 3-4 sentences each.

In addition, this year we will be reading and analyzing literary works (both fiction and nonfiction) which are connected to World War II in Europe. So as you are reading the second book, *Six Million Paper Clips: The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial by Peter W. Schroeder (2004)*, identify three (3) facts from the book which surprised or astounded you. In other words, what parts of that middle school project, which commemorated innocent children who died during the Holocaust, inspired or amazed you. Identify the events and briefly explain why you thought they were important or amazing.

These two assignments can be hand written or typed and are **due** to me on the **second day of school**. You may also email them to me anytime during the summer at amonticello@sjsf.dfrcs.org.

Have a safe and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you at the start of our new school year. Email me anytime with questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Mrs. Monticello