

Students Entering 11th Grade Honors ELA:

In addition to the books you choose to read this summer, students entering Honors in grade 11 are **also** asked to read the book, ***The Joy Luck Club***, by **Amy Tan**. Come prepared with notes on your reading including marked text references (sticky-notes, annotations, etc.) that can be used in seminar discussion at the start of the school year.

Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club*. NY: Penguin Group, 1989.

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“A stunning literary achievement, *The Joy Luck Club* explores the tender and tenacious bond between four daughters and their mothers. The daughters know one side of their mothers, but they don't know about their earlier never-spoken of lives in China. The mothers want love and obedience from their daughters, but they don't know the gifts that the daughters keep to themselves. Heartwarming and bittersweet, this is a novel for mother, daughters, and those that love them.”

Students Entering 11th Grade AP (Language and Composition):

In addition to the books you choose to read this summer, students entering AP English in grade 11 are **also** asked to complete the following in preparation for the start of the school year:

Part 1: Read the book, ***The Things They Carried***, By **Tim O’Brien**. Complete a dialectical journal. The purpose of a dialectical journal is to identify significant pieces/excerpts of text and explain the significance. It is another form of highlighting/annotating text, which is used to contemplate, digest, question/challenge, clarify, critique, and reflect upon what you are reading.

Please view the PDF of the [Dialectical Journal](#). **This task must be completed as a handwritten journal according to the template in a composition notebook. Spiral notebooks should NOT be used. If you have trouble obtaining a composition notebook, please come see Dr. McNamara (room A301) or Ms. Riccardi (room B366) before the end of the year.**

Part 2: Read and annotate the following poem and the documents on “small talk” and come prepared to discuss in a Socratic Seminar on the first full day of class.

[i carry your heart with me - ee cummings](#)

[Documents on “small talk”](#)

