**Dramatic Writing 2020 Summer Reading Assignment:**

**1. Read and annotate *The Martian* (Andy Weir). Watch the film (2015, starring Matt Damon) and be prepared to discuss the differences between the novel and the film.**

Consider the following when annotating:

o Elements of Science Fiction\**see quote below* (grounded in science, warning to mankind, setting, etc.)

o Adaptation of the novel to film\*\**see quotes below* (how the story is adapted for the big screen)

o Themes – particularly isolation, friendship, man vs. Nature, and perseverance/determination

\*“Science Fiction is a story about human beings, with a human problems and human solutions which would not have happened at all without its scientific content.” Theodore Sturgeon, author

*\*\*“Writing has certain advantages; film is another way to tell a story. An experienced filmmaker will take what she needs from the book and leave out other things. With adaptations, you never get the texture of the writing: it’s a different mode.” Jhumpa Lahiri, author*

*\*\*“There are things in the book you could never do in a movie.” Noah Hathaway, actor*

*\*\*“The book is a film that takes place in the mind of the reader.” Paulo Coelho, author*

*\*\*“Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They both are fruit, but taste completely different.” Stephen King, author*

**2. Complete College Essay Pre-Writing Assignment**

**Please FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW to complete the recommendation packet.**

* Complete the College Recommendation Packet found on the right-hand side under quick links of the main page of the[**school counseling website**](http://donnadunham.wixsite.com/waltoncounseling)**.**
* Be sure to **SAVE** this packet to your computer!
* This packet must be typed, printed, and turned in to your senior English teacher in order to receive credit for your summer reading assignment.
* Please **ALSO** turn in a printed copy of your recommendation packet to your School Counselor. It is strongly encouraged to submit this packet to your School Counselor within the first few weeks of school, but at the latest, at least **THREE FULL WEEKS BEFORE** your first college deadline. Even though the colleges you are applying to may not require your School Counselor to write a full letter of recommendation, the information is often used to complete a required school report.
* If you need letters of recommendation from your teacher(s), you will need to give a copy of the “Teacher Recommendation Information Form” at least **THREE FULL WEEKS BEFORE** your first college deadline.
* Fill out the “COLLEGES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING” page to the best of your ability. As you make changes, please notify your School Counselor and your teacher(s) who are completing your recommendation.

**Note:** Your recommenders will be using this packet to write YOUR letters of recommendation. The more time, thought, and insight you spend on your responses, the more details your recommenders can include in their letters.

**Summer reading assignments must be completed individually and without the use of unauthorized online sources or study aides. Students who commit an infraction of the Honor Code will receive a grade of zero on the assignment*,* anN in conduct for this semester in Dramatic Writing, and anadministrative referral.**