**Dramatic Writing 2019 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 problem 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**

College Essay Pre-Writing Assignment

This assignment is geared toward assisting you to gain insight and explore your inner STRENGTHS and TALENTS, which is a key component to beginning the college application process.

The College Essay Pre-Writing Assignment will consist of TWO parts:

1. Completing the Strengths Explorer in Naviance

2. Completing the College Application Packet on the Counseling website where you will write about your top three STRENGTHS AND TALENTS, which you discovered about yourself

Please FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW to complete both assignments.

Log into your Naviance account. Your username is your student number, and your password is your 6 digit birth date (example, June 1, 2000 would be 06/01/00)

Go to the “About Me” tab, and complete the STRENGTHS EXPLORER under “My Assessments.”

Complete the College Application Packet found on right hand side of the main page of the school counseling website.

· This packet must be typed, printed, and turned in to your Senior English Teacher in order to receive credit for your summer reading assignment.

· Be sure to SAVE this packet to your computer! If you need letters of recommendation from your School Counselor and/or teacher(s), you will need to give a copy to EACH recommender 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.

· For question 5, you will need to complete the Strengths Explorer in Naviance, outlined above. Have a parent/guardian complete the last page of the packet.

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.