Mr. Nolan  
College Park High School  

June 1, 2017  

Dear potential English II Pre-honors student,  

We are looking forward to working with you next year in English II Pre-honors. Although English II Pre-honors is an accelerated class, you will not earn an extra grade point in your grade point average, nor will you earn extra credit towards college classes, as is the case in Honors English III and AP English IV, for taking this class.  

Over the summer, you should expect to read books we have selected for you. During the first few weeks of school, you will be tested on your knowledge of each book. Low scores on these tests may compromise your first quarter grade.  

The books we recommend you read over the summer are:  

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (allegorical fiction)  
*Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson (historical fiction)  
*Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck (historical fiction)  

We recommend that you purchase paperback copies of these three books so you can annotate, underline, and personalize them. All titles should be available new and used at bookstores and online. Please don’t hesitate to purchase used books in satisfactory condition. You may also check them out of a local library or borrow from a friend.  

If, upon reading this letter, you feel intimidated by the requirements of this class, please consider withdrawing your application BEFORE the end of the school year. You will NOT be allowed to transfer out of this class when school begins in August.  

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Nolan in S-6.  

Sincerely,  

Mr. Nolan  
English II Pre-honors teacher for 2017-2018