Media Disclosure

Dear Parents and Guardians:

For the Summer Reading Task for the 2019-2020 school year, students will read *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser and *Angela’s Ashes* by Frank McCourt—as part of a unit on cultivating effective writing style and introducing analysis of rhetorical strategies in non-fiction. These texts have been selected for study because of their literary merits. The College Board recommends studies in examining style (such as *On Writing Well*) and in exploring autobiography (such as *Angela’s Ashes*). McCourt’s *Angela’s Ashes*, published in 1996 and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize, is the coming of age story of Frank McCourt, as he navigates life in a poverty-stricken family in Ireland in the 1940’s. At times, *Angela’s Ashes* contains sexual content and profane language. Due to time restraints, summer text studies will take no more than a few class periods at the beginning of September, as students will complete written responses and oral presentations for assessment. Please feel free to call or email the Instructors (Ms. Consalvo kaycon@bergen.org, Ms. Hernandez marriz@bergen.org, Mr. Kruger ryakru@bergen.org) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this issue. In addition, please contact the Instructors this summer if your student may not read *Angela’s Ashes*; teachers will then assign alternative lessons. Ms. Cabanilla Alves (roscab@bergen.org) serves as the Supervisor of the English Department.

Thank you

2019 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

“The AP English Language and Composition course focuses on the development and revision of evidence-based analytic and argumentative writing, the rhetorical analysis of nonfiction texts, and the decisions writers make as they compose and revise. Students evaluate, synthesize, and cite research to support their arguments. Additionally, they read and analyze rhetorical elements and their effects in nonfiction texts—including images as forms of text—from a range of disciplines and historical periods” (The College Board).

*Students entering AP Language and Composition must complete the following readings:*


2. McCourt, Frank. *Angela’s Ashes.* *(any edition)*

READ BOTH OF THE ABOVE TEXTS AND BE PREPARED TO DO A GROUP PRESENTATION AND AN ESSAY ASSESSMENT (DETAILS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL) THAT REQUIRE A DISCUSSION OF THE APPLICATION OF ZINSSER’S WRITING PRINCIPLES TO *ANGELA’S ASHES*. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COPIES OF THE BOOKS AVAILABLE TO YOU DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL; IT IS SUGGESTED YOU ANNOTATE EACH BOOK (ON THE BOOKS THEMSELVES, IF YOU OWN A COPY, OR BY USING POST-ITS OR NOTEBOOK PAPER).

*IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL MR. KRUGER (ryakrug@bergen.org), MS. RIZZO HERNANDEZ (marriz@bergen.org), OR MS. CONSALVO (kaycon@bergen.org)*