

**Dr. Phillips High School**

**6500 Turkey Lake Road**

**Orlando, FL 32819**

August 20, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please review the syllabus I sent home today with your student. I would like for you to be involved and knowledgeable about what is being covered in English in this very important senior year. I am very excited about the curriculum and preparing my students for college life.

AP Literature and Composition is a demanding, college-level course. The reading selections for this course have all been named as appropriate works to answer the open question on the AP examination. Please be advised that these works may feature situations and language appropriate to university-level courses and that works may not be substituted. Your student’s course will feature titles selected from the following:

*Oedipus Rex* Sophocles *Lord of the Flies* William Golding

*The Awakening* Kate Chopin *The Glass Menagerie* Tennessee Williams

*One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* Ken Kesey *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* Dai Sijie

*The Importance of Being Earnest* Oscar Wilde *Hamlet* William Shakespeare

*Brave New World* Aldous Huxley *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* Michael Dorris

*The Handmaid’s Tale* Margaret Atwood *Amadeus* Peter Shaffer

*Equus* Peter Shaffer *Beloved* Toni Morrison

*The Stranger* Albert Camus *The Poisonwood Bible* Barbara Kingsolver

*Wuthering Heights* Emily Brontë *Othello* William Shakespeare

*A Doll’s House* Henrik Ibsen *Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston

*Cry, the Beloved Country* Alan Paton *Antigone* Sophocles

*A Raisin in the Sun* Lorraine Hansberry *1984* George Orwell

I would like to be able to communicate with you if I have any concerns as well as to invite you to participate whenever possible in student projects. Please fill out the bottom of this letter with a daytime telephone number and/or email address where I might reach you. My email address is **marylouise.wells@ocps.net**, and you may also reach me through voicemail: 407.355.3200 x6054821. You are welcome to visit my teacher website for more information about class projects as well: **http://teacherpress.ocps.net/wellsml**. Another way for you to note your student’s progress is by logging on to **parentaccess.ocps.net** to review grades in each class.

I look forward to working with your student!

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Wells

AP Literature Instructor

Student Name (print) Period

**I have reviewed the course syllabus for my student’s senior year in English.**

Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Daytime Phone Cell Phone

Parent/Guardian email