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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited that your child is enrolled in a high school-level English course, Enhanced Literature and Composition I, as part of their middle school courses. This is a significant achievement, and we commend them for their hard work and dedication. This high school course will count as a graduation credit but will not factor into your student's high school GPA.

Because this course will count towards high school credit, it comes with additional responsibilities for both the student and the parent. This course will be more rigorous than the 8th Grade Language Arts course, requiring a higher level of commitment, study habits, and time management. Students are expected to stay on task, complete all assignments by due dates, participate in course discussions, and work independently or collaboratively when necessary. Success in this course will give them a strong foundation for future academic pursuits.

As a parent or guardian, your role is crucial in supporting them through this challenge. We encourage you to:

- monitor their progress regularly
- help them stay organized
- ensure they complete assignments on time
- maintain open communication between home and school

While we have every confidence in your student's abilities, we understand that transitioning to a high school-level course can be challenging. If your student is struggling to meet the course expectations, we will work closely with you to provide additional support.

Please reinforce the significance of this opportunity with your student to ensure they understand the importance of their effort and responsibility in this course. We are confident that, with the right support, your student will thrive in this challenging environment.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any concerns or need assistance with supporting your child's learning. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. We look forward to a successful school year.

Sincerely,

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Empowering Every Learner Every Day.

VISION STATEMENT
*To prepare every student to thrive, adapt,
and lead in an ever-changing world.*