

VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL SHOPS

- Automotive Technology
- Business Technology
- CAD Drafting
- Computer Science
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Graphic Communication & Design
- Health Careers
- House & Mill Carpentry
- Machine & Tool Technology
- Metal Fabrication & Joining Technology

GET INVOLVED!

SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball Boys
- Basketball Girls
- Cheerleading Fall
- Cheerleading Winter
- Cross-Country
- Football
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse Boys
- Lacrosse Girl
- Soccer Boys
- Soccer Girls
- Softball
- Volleyball Girls

CLUBS

- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Game Night
- GSA Group
- Music Club
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper Club
- Non-Traditional
- OCTV
- Robotics
- SkillsUSA
- Student Council
- Archery Club
- Fishing Club

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WHERE CAN I GET THE BOOK?

Purchase at any book store or on Amazon.

Free print, e-book or audiobook through your local library. Audio-book is available on YouTube.



SUMMER READING 2021

Incoming Freshmen



PART 1:

READ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:

I WILL ALWAYS WRITE BACK

BY: CAITLIN ALIFIRENKA, LIZ WELCH, AND MARTIN GANDA

The true story of an all-American girl and a boy from an impoverished city in Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever.

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a penpal letter. There were only ten letters, and fifty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.

I AM MALALA

BY: CHRISTINA LAMB AND MALALA YOUSAFZAI

I am Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

I am Malala will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

PART 2:

Write a letter to Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka or Malala Yousafzai about what their book has taught you about the value of education, and also how you plan to take full advantage of all the educational and extracurricular opportunities Old Colony has to offer.

First, explain what this book has taught you about the necessity and value of education, **in at least 2 paragraphs**. Why is education important? Why shouldn't we take this privilege for granted? Has education been a priority to you? Is education now a priority for you after reading this book? What has learning about Caitlin and Martin's or Malala Yousafzai's experiences taught you about taking your own education seriously? **Cite 3 pieces of textual evidence from the book**

Second, look over the information about Old Colony on the back of this brochure. We have 13 different technical areas, many sports in three seasons, and a wide array of clubs to join. **In at least 2 paragraphs**, state what your plan is to make the most of your freshman year. What would you like to become involved with? Why? What shops are you most interested in exploring? What goals will you set for yourself leading into this year?

PART 3:

Remember, this is a letter so it should have a salutation and a closing. Also, this is the first impression you will make on your grade 9 ELA teacher, so be sure to put effort and thought into this letter and check for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors. For help on writing a letter follow this link to a Youtube tutorial:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOEXT89D4JK>

DUE ON AUGUST 31ST

Type the letter in a Google Doc as you will submit and "turn it in" on your ELA Google Classroom the first day of school.

The novel will be a topic of discussion in your class at the beginning of the school year.

