



June 10, 2011

Dear Rising Juniors:

We hope that your summer will be full of adventure, fun, relaxation, and reflection. We're looking forward to a great year with your class, and in preparation for that, we'd like you to read both *The Birth of the Republic*, Third Edition, by Edmund Morgan and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. As you read these books, take notes on America's search for community – *e pluribus unum* - and how that search has changed over the course of the nation's history. Your notes should reflect relevant details from the readings and your ideas about the topics.

Please return to school with your notes which we will collect and grade.

We look forward to our work together in the fall.

Best,

Mr. Loomis and Mr. Perry