

English II Honors

Gilroy Unified Virtual Campus -- GUVVC

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Moving into the 21st century, GHS and CHS have decided to move this year's summer assignment online.

Beginning July 1st, 2009, students will be able to access *Gilroy Unified Virtual Campus*, a self-paced interactive e-learning environment where students will interact with coursework material, collaborate with colleagues at both sites, and engage in a media-rich learning environment.

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Christopher High School*

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Make your account now! Access <http://igilroy.havocshack.com/moodle> with your favorite web browser and self-register. You'll find the English II summer assignment in the English Language Arts course category. Course will open **July 1st**.



Gilroy – A New Beginning

For the first time in its history, Gilroy will be a city of two high schools. Understandably, students and parents from both schools are not only worried about the transition, but also the

coursework and activities that each school will offer. GHS and CHS have made a commitment to providing the same academic rigor and intensity at both schools, working together

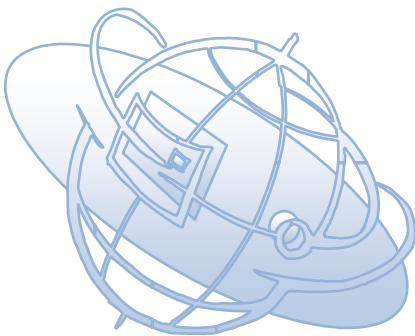
to create a district that prepares our students for the 21st century.

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Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut

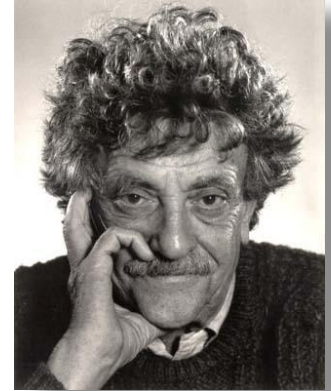
Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut, is considered to be one of the greatest novels of the 20th century.

Vonnegut, sometimes referred to as a master of science fiction, can hardly be defined by a simple genre. Experiencing the horrors of World War II himself, Vonnegut is known for his constant examination of man's role in an increasingly-complex society, one where the lines between the individual human spirit and an omnipresent

technological presence have been blurred. Vonnegut's favorite literary tools of analysis are his sardonic humor, his tendency toward the absurd and his ability to make his disjointed writing style flow effortlessly across the page.

Students from both GHS and CHS will be responsible for checking out the book from Gilroy High School's bookroom before the end of the school year. Remember, the bookroom will be closed for the month of July, so do

not wait until the last minute.



"Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward."

Kurt Vonnegut

Summer Assignment Expectations

The summer assignment was designed to give students the opportunity to maintain their English literacy skills during the long summer break.

As students navigate through the e-learning summer course, they will be able to track their own progress via their personal grades report. Any long-answer, essay, or discussion

component will be graded by the teacher and posted online as students complete the course.

The final course grade, based on all of the e-learning activities, will be worth 10% of the Fall semester grade. Students who fail to complete or perform very poorly in the summer course will not be eligible for a grade of "A" at the semester

and should adjust their expectations accordingly.

Remember, participating in the e-learning summer course gives you access to teachers and colleagues during the summer. This will be crucial in order to achieve the best possible grade. The summer course will close and the final grade will be recorded on the first day of the Fall semester.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the summer assignment, please feel free to contact Mr. Frankina (GHS) or Mr. Winslow (CHS). If any student feels that he or she cannot complete this summer assignment, his or her parent or guardian must request alternative

arrangements in writing (valid reasons must be stated in letter), and deliver that request to department heads Emily Diaz (CHS / B-01) or Mark Rose (GHS / C-07) by **June 1st, 2009**. It is highly recommended that everyone participate in the e-learning summer course as constant teacher and peer

contact will greatly enhance the learning and understanding of the novel, and guarantee the successful completion of the summer assignment.

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