

Senior Summer Reading 2009

(Submitted by Mrs. Lehman)

English 12 Summer Assignment

English 12 will read Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, a mystery story about a unique young man setting out to solve an unusual crime and record his progress in a novel. Haddon's work journeys through the world of Christopher Boone, a 15 year-old who suffers from Asperger's syndrome. Christopher's simple life is turned upside down by the discovery of a murdered dog and his decision to investigate. For an autistic child who cannot be touched and who fears speaking with strangers, the need to knock on doors on his own street and to search for answers is a task of monumental proportions. When the mystery begins to turn closer to home, what begins as a light-hearted search quickly becomes a moving family saga.

All 12th grade students will be assessed on the novel (short answer test) early in the first quarter.