



North Arlington High School
DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

December Highlights 2009

English Department:

- In **Mrs. Burns' SAT Prep** course students are working on their vocabulary and writing skills using the SAT Online course as well as test taking strategies. In **English 3, Mrs. Burns** has been encouraging reluctant readers by utilizing "iTunes" audio books in class. In **Propaganda of Genocide and Oppression, Mrs. Burns'** students are completing a unit on Settler Colonialism and continue to follow the news, watching political protest around the world such as the head scarf protests in Iran.
- **Mrs. Hughes' English II** classes have completed the novel *The Lovely Bones* and are in the process of completing projects based on that reading. **Mrs. Hughes' English I** classes have also finished their novels and handed in projects based on their reading. All students are given several choices for their projects, which are designed to appeal to multiple intelligences (there are choices involving visual arts, performing arts, writing, and research). All of **Mrs. Hughes' English II** classes have also begun working on their thesis papers, which will be due in February. They were given a week of instruction on writing a thesis in MLA format and have been given several days in the library in order to research their topic. **Mrs. Hughes' English I Honors** class has just finished their unit on Bernard Pomerance's play *The Elephant Man* and has completed various cross-curricular projects in conjunction with their studying of it. They have also completed their second marking period novel, *The Color Purple*.
- **Ms. Ingannamorte's English II** classes are busy working on their sophomore research papers. **Ms. Ingannamorte's Creative Writing** class is reading Truman Capote's holiday memoir, inspiring them to record their own holiday memoir. They have also entered original poetry in The "Creative Writing Poetry Contest."
- **Ms. Singler's AP English** class is continuing to write an original novel. It has fictional characters who attend an exaggerated North Arlington High School. Her **English IV** classes are reading contemporary novels, as