**Vocabulary List #11**

**Test on Friday, April 21st**

1. **Controvert**—to raise arguments against (verb)

The students controverted the issue of school uniforms to the school board; they did not want their sense of expression to be taken away.

1. **Grabble**—to grope (verb)

The elephant groped and grabbled at the man’s hand, trying to retrieve the peanut it offered.

1. **Somnambulate**—to sleepwalk (verb)

During PARCC, we expect you to be wide awake and focused—you are not to somnambulate your way through the day or the test.

1. **Infiltrate**—to pass or enter into enemy territory (verb)

It is against school law for students to infiltrate the teachers’ lounge; severe and combative consequences can result from students walking into that zone.

1. **Quagmire**—swamp-like land (noun)

Some students’ lockers remind me of a quagmire; I wouldn’t put my hand near its contents for fear that my hand might sink to the bottom of some foreign goop and never be the same again.

1. **Noblesse**—the members of the nobility (noun)

Your teachers are part of the noblesse of the school; this means you should treat us with respect and bow down to us at every occasion.

1. **Disconsolate**—cheerless; gloomy (adj)

Nobody wanted to invite the girl to the party because she was so disconsolate; they didn’t want her sad disposition to permeate the celebration.

1. **Temerity**—foolhardy disregard of danger (noun)

Running in track or riding a bike can be a definite sign of temerity; just ask some of the hobbling and broken students of RMS.

1. **Furlough**—a leave of absence (noun)

Students get to take an eleven week furlough from school; teachers get the same amount from kids’ whining.

**10.Ventilate**—to admit fresh air (verb)

Please ventilate your shoes after PE class; giving the offending things

the proper amount of fresh air will save the olfactory senses of your

classmates (and teachers).

Extra:

1. **Viva voce**—Latin verbal; expressed or conducted by word of mouth

The vote will be taken *viva voce*.

1. **Sotto voce**—Latin in a whisper or undertone

He spoke *sotto voce* so that only those seated on either side of him could hear.

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1. **Commitment**—a promise or pledge (noun)

*Soldiers fighting for either the North or the South made a commitment to their superiors to fight to win the war.*

1. **Traditional**—passed from generation to generation; long established (noun)

*General Robert E. Lee preferred the traditional form of fighting; he believed that armies should fight with honor, not tactics.*

1. **Alienate**—to cause to be unfriendly (verb)

*General Longstreet tried not to alienate General Lee with his ideas; this may have been the reason the South lost the Battle of Gettysburg.*

1. **Hospitality**—the act of showing kindness and warmth towards guests (noun)

*Many southerners showed hospitality to the rebel soldiers during the Civil War.*

1. **Supporter**—one who supports; a follower (noun)

*Each side of the Civil War had supporters from the other side; many of these people became spies.*