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Dear Parents,

As Charles William Eliot tells us, “Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.” With this message in mind, we invite our students to embark on their own summer reading journeys with the required summer reading. We understand students have a myriad of meaningful commitments during the summer months. To be mindful of these commitments, we have developed the attached summer reading lists for student’s respective courses.

Summer reading assignments are an important part of every high school’s academic program. Research has shown that critical reading skills are key to effective oral and written communication. Both of these skills are the foundation for success in higher education and the career world. In addition to the educational value of good reading habits, reading opens a young woman’s mind to a wealth of ideas and knowledge that will be invaluable in life’s journey. We hope that our summer reading program is one way to encourage our students to read more, read purposefully, and read for enjoyment.

We are asking you to do several things. First, please make sure that your daughter has purchased or borrowed the books early in the summer. Periodically, check to see that she is pacing herself and reading throughout the summer. Encourage your daughter to read thoughtfully by looking up unfamiliar vocabulary and keeping a reading journal with key themes or questions about the book. Finally, we are asking both students and parents to sign the attached contract verifying that students have completed the summer reading assignments.

Attached, you will find the mandatory summer reading list. We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Marissa Muoio
Dean of Academics

Kristen Zosche
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Summer Reading 2019

English 1 - CP

Persepolis - The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes by Edith Hamilton - Summer assignment - Read only Part One "The Gods, The Creation, and The Earliest Heroes." Students must purchase this book. It will be used throughout the school year as a supplementary text.

English 1 Honors

Long Way Down - Jason Reynolds

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes by Edith Hamilton - Summer assignment - Read only Part One: The Gods, The Creation, and The Earliest Heroes and chapter 15 "The Adventures of Odysseus" found in Part Four: The Heroes of the Trojan War. Students must purchase this book. It will be used throughout the school year as a supplementary text.

All Freshmen

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

English II - CP

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban - Malala Yousafzai

English II - Honors

A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini

English III - CP

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

English III - Honors

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

Lord of the Flies - William Golding

English IV - CP

Everything Here is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee

English IV - Honors

Celebration, U.S.A.: Living in Disney's Brave New Town 1984 by George Orwell

Justice and Journeys of Faith

Evicted by Matthew Desmond

