

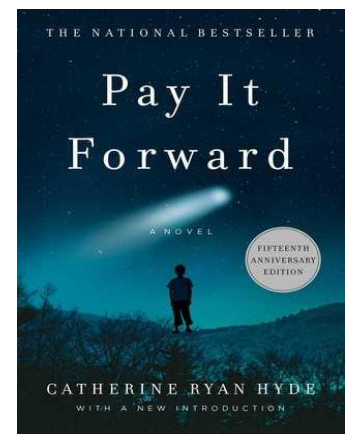
2019 ALL-SCHOOL SUMMER READING

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

~Winston S. Churchill

The theme of this summer’s selection is “leave the world a little better than you found it.” The required reading for all students, faculty and administrators is *Pay It Forward: A Novel*, voted among the Best Books for Young Adults by the American Library Association, and written by Catherine Ryan Hyde. Students planning to enroll in an honors-level or AP-level English or History class next year are expected to read another selection in addition to the required all-school read. Please read the details of this additional requirement below.

An immediate bestseller when first published in 1999, *Pay It Forward* captured hearts all over the world, became a wildly popular film, and spawned a generation of increased altruism. This anniversary edition includes a new introduction by the author. It takes an inspiring and moving tale of a young boy who believed in the power of kindness and brings it to a new generation of readers. *Pay It Forward* has been translated into twenty languages for publication in more than thirty countries. The Pay It Forward Foundation explains that the philosophy of “pay it forward” is that through acts of kindness among strangers, we all foster a more caring society. In the book, Reuben St. Clair, a social studies teacher in Atascadero, California, challenges his students to “change the world.”



That's something we would all like to do, right? What if we could change the world, even in some small way? Twelve-year-old Trevor McKinney accepts his teacher’s challenge: come up with a plan to change the world. His idea is simple: Do a good deed for three people and ask them to “pay it forward” to three others in need. Anyone who has ever despaired of one person’s ability to effect change will rejoice in Trevor’s courage and determination to see the good in everyone.

Students, faculty and administrators will be involved in active discussion of the summer reading book(s), both in classes and as part of a “pay it forward planning fair” during the first week of the school year. Students should read actively and thoughtfully, and may choose to annotate their book, keep a journal while reading, or record their thoughts and reactions once they have finished. We strongly encourage parents to consider reading along and engaging in discussion with their sons and daughters. Reading is always enhanced when treated as a communal experience.

ADDITIONAL READING REQUIREMENTS FOR AP/HONORS HISTORY OR ENGLISH STUDENTS

Students planning to enroll in an AP- or honors-level English or History class are required to read another selection in addition to the all-school read. These students must choose a book from the list of “Faculty and

Staff Favorites” (list below) and write a 2-3 page review or response (NOT a summary...) to be submitted on the first day of classes. Can you guess which title Mr. D., Mrs. Everett, or Ms. Presti recommended?

THE \$100 READING CHALLENGE

Besides the required all-school read, all students are encouraged to read additional books throughout the summer. By completing additional reading and reflecting on their choices in writing, students will be eligible to win a \$100 cash prize. Here are the specifics:

- Read at least two additional books of your choice.
- Write 1-2 paragraphs on each of your choices, discussing what the books meant to you.
- Submit your work to the Academic Dean in person or via email by 8:00pm on Sunday, September 8, 2019.
- A winner will be selected at random from among all eligible entries during All-School Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019.

FACULTY & STAFF FAVORITES

Modoc: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived by Ralph Helfer

Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry

The Baker's Daughter by Sarah McCoy

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World by Jack Weatherford

Ender's Shadow by Orson Scott Card

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hossein

The Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlum

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

Water for Elephants: A Novel by Sara Gruen

City of Saints and Thieves by Natalie C. Anderson

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

How to be Richer, Smarter and Better-Looking Than Your Parents by Zac Bissonette

The John Lennon Letters by John Lennon

Becoming Kareem: Growing up on and off the court by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig

Letters to a Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke

Creative Visualization: Use the Power of Your Imagination to Create What You Want in Your Life by Shakti Gawain

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

The Last Temptation of Christ by Nikos Kazantzakis

Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

The Human Stain by Philip Roth

The Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

All Quiet on the Western Front by Eric Maria Remarque

Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

The Court Dancer by Kyung-Sook Shin

21 Lessons for the 21st Century by Yuval Harari

One Hundred years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Islands In The Stream by Ernest Hemingway



Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

Mythos by Stephen Fry

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Dreaming in Cuban by Christina Garcia

Victoria The Queen by Julia Baird

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden