

# ***Daniel Hand High School***

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Dear Families,

The DHHS English department invites your child to continue with reading during this unexpected break. Many students are already in possession of books from their classroom libraries, and are encouraged to read 30 to 60 minutes a day toward a goal of 200 pages per week.

If your child does not have a book from school, they can access ebooks and audiobooks on the SoraApp (formerly Overdrive). Students can also browse recommended reading on our website.

In addition to reading, we encourage families to engage in dialogue with students about current events. Students can be encouraged to read the news and listen to podcasts in order to process and evaluate the information we are inundated with. To this end, and in an effort to cultivate critical consumers of information, a cross-disciplinary project has been developed that would challenge students to solve a current world problem (such as a pandemic). The steps involve research, source evaluation, rhetorical analysis, proposal development, and action plan development. Students can use linked resources such as Commonlit.org and Newsela for this research, as well as any other credible news outlet.

We also recommend Khan Academy for SAT prep, including vocabulary and grammar. This is free, fun, and easy to use.

Please reach out to me if you have any pressing concerns regarding additional educational activities for your child, or what to expect from trimester three.

In good health,

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