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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the root of our school mission to prepare boys for college and beyond is the idea that learning never stops. While summer can and should be a time for rest and rejuvenation, it is also essential that our students continue to exercise their most important muscle - their brain!

On the back of this letter you will find the Boys' Latin expectations for summer reading in English classes. Specific information and documents have been shared with students in classes. This information will also be accessible throughout the summer on Schoology and on the school website.

Students and families are responsible for obtaining a copy of their selected books. These books are available through most bookstores (Barnes & Noble) or may be purchased online. We recommend the app Libby for borrowing e-books from the Free Library of Philadelphia. We are also aware that the current circumstances may make purchasing books difficult for some families. For that reason, two of the selections can be found free online and two selections are listed as "No Wait Ever" on the Libby app through the Free Library of Philadelphia.

We thank you in advance for being our partners in encouraging your son to complete this work.

Please ensure your student understands that the work he submits should be his own. He should not collaborate with other students or copy information from anywhere. Plagiarism on ANY portion of an assignment will result in a zero on that entire project.

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## HS English Summer Reading Directions:

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1. Select a book you have not read from the list below. Honors students must choose an additional book.
2. Figure out a way to buy or borrow your book(s).
3. Log on to your “Class of 20xx” Schoology group\* and find your reading journal. Complete the journal as you read. You may also complete an optional extra credit writing project.

Schoology Class of 20XX Group Codes

Class of 2022: S78J-GD99-XWN2N

Class of 2023: 43S2-WPVJ-4C8R4

Class of 2024: QJSK-CBDT-J46V5

Class of 2025: 7RZJ-J8KV-X4NZ9

4. Submit your work to your English teacher on Schoology by **Monday, September 13**.

### Grading

Journal = 30 points

Writing project = up to 15 points extra credit

**All students choose one of the books from the list below. Honors students complete 2 books.**

[\*The Seed Keeper\* by Diane Wilson](#)

[\*Concrete Rose\* by Angie Thomas](#)

[\*The Poet X\* by Elizabeth Acevedo](#)

[\*There There\* by Tommy Orange](#)

[\*Darius the Great is Not Okay\* by Adib Khorram](#)

[\*The Refugees\* by Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)

[\*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption\* by Bryan Stevenson](#)

[\*Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents\* by Isabel Wilkerson](#)

[\*Ignite the Stars\* by Maura Milan](#) also available as “No Wait Ever” on the Libby app

[\*The Tradition\* by Jericho Brown](#) also available as “No Wait Ever” on the Libby app

[\*The Great Gatsby\* by F. Scott Fitzgerald](#) [also available FREE online - click here](#)

[\*Dracula\* by Bram Stoker](#) [also available FREE online - click here](#)

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\* We encourage all students to complete their work electronically through Schoology. However, in the event of technological challenges, students may complete a paper version. These are available in the school office or printed from the website.