

## **Instructions for Summer Reading Grade 12**

Good reading habits are essential for student growth, so all pupils advancing to grades 9-12 will read a book assigned by the English department for their grade level. In the fall of 2021, the department will be hosting forums for the students to discuss these books with peers. The readings for both underclassmen and upperclassmen are inspiring stories based on challenging life experiences. Students must also complete the accompanying project—taking notes to inform their discussions in the fall.

### **Rising 12th grade students should read...**

*Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard*  
by Liz Murray

See “Summer Reading Project Requirements” for full details about the written component which is due before the first day of school in August (currently scheduled for August 12).

**Along with the assigned reading for each grade level, students are assigned *additional* required reading for any of the following AP level classes in which they are enrolled:**

### **AP Government (grade 12)**

Students in AP Government are required to read *Protect and Defend* by Richard North Patterson prior to the start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. There will be a test given during the first two weeks of the course on the reading.

### **A.P. English Literature (grade 12)**

Students in AP English Literature are required to read Sophocles’ plays, *Oedipus the King* and *Antigone*, and Shakespeare’s play *Macbeth* prior to the start of school in August. Any copy of the plays should suffice for our purposes, but I suggest you avoid an easy side-by-side translation. If you need that, then you might reconsider taking the course.