

UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 26, 2025

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 5 - Parking Space Painting for Seniors

August 8-10 - Senior Retreat

August 11 - 9th Grade & New Student Orientation

August 11 - Back to School Fair

August 13 - First Day of School

August 13 - Convocation

August 18-19 - Freshman Retreat

August 25 - Back to School Night

September 4 - Eagle Extravaganza

Specific times and additional information will be provided via email for all of the above events

NOTE FROM: Nathan Barber, Head of Upper School

Dear Upper School Parents and Students,

Fort Bend Christian Academy requires all students entering grades 9-12 to participate in a Summer Reading program for some classes. Students are expected to acquire and read the texts assigned for the course in which they have been placed. All assigned reading will be assessed at the beginning of the school year, though the method of assessment may vary. Students may be assigned projects, tests, quizzes, or essays depending on the book, course, and instructor. No specific editions of the books are required, but abridged versions, including adaptations or graphic novel versions, are not approved. Students may use digital versions of the text, but some teachers may require printed copies for certain assignments. For questions about English summer reading texts or assignments, please contact Rob LaVohn, English Department Chair, at rlavohn@fortbendchristian.org. Students enrolled in one of the Honors Biblical Interpretation courses should expect an email soon from Ms. Wolfe regarding summer reading for her course. For questions about course placement, please contact Mr. Graham Traylor at gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org or Mr. Elliot Savoie at esavoie@fortbendchristian.org.

9th Grade

The Secret Life of Bees - Kidd (all students)

A Separate Peace - Knowles (Honors only)

10th Grade

Educated - Westover (all students)

The Glass Menagerie - Williams (Honors only)

11th & 12th Grade AP Courses:

AP Language and Composition (11)

Kindred - Butler

Outliers - Gladwell

AP Literature and Composition (12)

All the Light We Cannot See - Doerr

1984 - Orwell

11th & 12th Grade Semester Seminars:

American Music

See Summer Reading Assignment

Characters & Culture
The Wizard of Oz - Baum

Myth & Legend
The Hobbit - Tolkien

Students in Honors Biblical Interpretation should check their email for instructions from Ms. Wolfe.

NOTE FROM: Jocelyn Muckelroy, Asst. Head of Upper School Have a great summer!

UPPER SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD:

Quick construction update: The Upper School Security Vestibule is progressing quickly and should be completed before school begins in August. When school starts, all students and visitors will once again enter the Upper School building through the front entrance.

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