



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Bears

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Prospective Grade 9 Students:

Just as you have done in middle school, as a prospective Grade 9 student, you will be required to read a book this summer. The goal of the BASH English Department is to celebrate summer reading and to encourage students to develop the habit of lifelong reading.

Accordingly, all BASH students are expected to read at least one book of their choice during the summer. At the beginning of the school year, students will participate in learning activities related to their summer reading.

During the summer, BASH students should:

1. Select and read a book(s) of your choice.

This book may be any fiction or nonfiction book that you are eager to read. The book should be selected based on personal interest, recommendations, and reading ability.

See reading lists below for books that may interest you:

- New York Times Bestsellers list includes fiction and nonfiction: <https://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/>
- YALSA Award Winners and List such as: Outstanding Book for College Bound and Lifetime Learners, Teen's Top Ten, and Excellence in Nonfiction: <https://www.ala.org/valsa/booklistsawards/booklists>
- Nat'l Book Award Winners includes young adult books, fiction, nonfiction, and poetry: <https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>
- The largest website for books divided by topic and readers' created lists: <https://www.goodreads.com/>

2. Prepare for learning activities by previewing possible discussion questions.

A list of possible discussion questions is available via the following Google Doc link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zvYXiY0d3Ey7vfHyADSD_4x8os3igikG/view?usp=sharing

When you return to school for the new school year, remember to bring your book and any notes, jots, ideas, etc. that you may have made while reading. We look forward to kicking off the year with great discussions about your summer reading!

From one reader to another,

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