9th Grade Summer Reading

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Welcome to the wonderful world of high school English! This will prove to be a challenging and rewarding year for you. Incoming freshmen will read one novel over the summer and complete the following assignments listed below.

Summer reading assignments are due on our first day back. Late work will receive -10 points for every day it is late. Please bring a **printed out hard-copy** of your summer reading work to turn in on the first day.

Writing Requirements:

- In the left hand corner you should have:

  Name
  Date
  Summer Journal Assignment
  English I

- 12 point font
- Times New Roman Text
- Double spaced

Summer Novel

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, helped you see the world as a more profound place, gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it.

For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago.

Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded, and the world seemed colder. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you, and receive wisdom for your busy life today the way you once did when you were younger?

Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live.

Tuesdays with Morrie is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift with the world.

It's been ten years since Mitch Albom first shared the wisdom of Morrie Schwartz with the world. Now—twelve million copies later—in a new afterword, Mitch Albom reflects again on the meaning of Morrie's life lessons and the gentle, irrevocable impact of their Tuesday sessions all those years ago...

Summer Assignment

Assignment(s):

1. Respond to **all 5** of the following journal prompts. **Each prompt** must be **at least half a page in length.**

Prompt l: Morrie says everyone knows death will happen, but no one really believes it will happen to them. What are your thoughts on death? Do you feel invincible?

Prompt 2: Morrie says he appreciates the small things in life, such as looking out the window at nature. What things do you appreciate and what do you think people take for granted?

Prompt 3: Morrie says there's no such thing as too late to do something in life. What would you like to accomplish? Is there anything that seems out of reach?

Prompt 4: The reader gets a brief look into Morrie's childhood. How did his relationships with his mother, father, stepmother and brother shape him into the man he became?

Prompt 5: What do you think is the most important message in the book? Explain your response with quotes from the book and with details from your life that prove the message or theme is important to you.

*If you have any questions over the summer regarding the novels or reading assignments please feel free to email me at awalker@bullochacademy.com.

2. **Additionally, there will be a novel test over *Tuesdays With Morrie* during the first week of school.**