

May 12, 2025

Dear Parents,

Again this summer **all students** in English classes (regular and honors) will be required to complete summer reading assignments. Because we in the English Department want to give our students every opportunity to excel, we feel that summer reading can definitely and positively enhance a student's abilities not only in English classes but also in other classes.

It is the student's responsibility to secure a copy of the assigned book(s) and finish the reading before the first day of school in August. **The first grade recorded for the student will be a test or quiz over the summer reading which will be given the first full day of the new school year.** You do not have to buy the book(s); copies may be obtained from any public lending library.

Please help your child begin the 2025-2026 school year on a successful note. Encourage summer reading!

Thank you,

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**Summer Reading Assignments:**

6<sup>th</sup> reading – *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio  
7<sup>th</sup> reading – *White Bird* by R. J. Palacio  
8<sup>th</sup> reading – *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
8<sup>th</sup> accelerated English – *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton  
9<sup>th</sup> English – *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
9<sup>th</sup> honors English – *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
10<sup>th</sup> English – *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns  
10<sup>th</sup> honors English – *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns  
*Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare  
11<sup>th</sup> English – *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
11<sup>th</sup> AP English – *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls  
12<sup>th</sup> English – *Frankenstein* by Mary W. Shelley  
(Dual Enrollment students have NO summer reading.)