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Dear Parents and Students,

In an effort to promote reading, Cabrini High School's English department requires that all incoming 9th grade students read a summer novel. Read the following book on your own:

English 9 students will choose **one** of the following:

Chocolate Wars – Robert Cormier

A Separate Peace – John Knowles

Holes – Louis Sachar

The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien

The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

Honors English 9 students will read *Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury

In addition to the required reading, after beginning school in August students will also be responsible for completing a project that reflects their knowledge of the book(s). The project will be explained to students at that time. The English teacher will assess the projects and give students a grade to be averaged into their first quarter marking period.

To show both reading progress and understanding of challenging vocabulary each student will complete the two attached handouts: (1) Summer Reading Log; (2) Active Reading Vocabulary. Students will return these two assignments to their English teacher on the first day of school.

Finally, it is *recommended* that you take notes while reading about the following content:

1. Setting: Record description of both place and time. As you read chapter to chapter the setting will change - record the changes.
2. Characterization: As you read pause to write down each new character introduced. Note on your paper the character's appearance, personality, and connection to the plot.
3. Symbolism: A symbol is a concrete object that reveals a more significant insight. Write down all objects that possibly have a symbolic meaning and are important.
4. Conflict: There are many conflicts, both internal (within the character) and external (between characters), within the story. As you read, track the conflicts.
5. Theme: A theme in literature is discussed after reading the text. The theme is the predominant universal lesson of the novel.

If you have any questions about the 9th grade summer reading, please email Lopdyke@cabrinicatholicschools.com.

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