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Dear Parents and Students:

In an effort to enhance reading, Cabrini High School requires all students to complete Summer Reading. Before the new school year begins, you are to read the following novel on your own:

<b>English 9 - choose ONE</b> <i>The Chocolate War</i> - Robert Cormier <i>A Separate Peace</i> - John Knowles <i>Holes</i> - Louis Sachar <i>The Hobbit</i> - J. R. R. Tolkien <i>The Hunger Games</i> - Suzanne Collins <i>Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief</i> - Rick Riordan	<b>Honors English 9</b> <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> - Ray Bradbury
<b>English 10 - choose ONE</b> <i>Maus I-II</i> - Art Spiegelman <i>The Martian Chronicles</i> - Ray Bradbury	<b>Honors English 10</b> <i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i> - Thornton Wilder
<b>English 11</b> <i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding	<b>Honors English 11</b> <i>Edith Hamilton</i> - Mythology
<b>English 12 - choose ONE</b> <i>The Baron in the Trees</i> - Italo Calvino <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> - Mark Haddon <i>Salvation</i> , by Valerie Martin	<b>AP English 12</b> <i>Please see the attached assignment or stop by Room 110 and introduce yourself to Mr. Loselle, who will give you a list of short readings.</i>

On the first full day of class students will complete an assessment covering the novel, which will be worth 50pts. If your teacher requires any additional work, it will be attached to this letter.

While reading, *it is recommended* you take notes about the following content:

1. Setting: Record a 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 and note 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, so as you read, track the conflicts.
5. Theme: A theme in literature is discussed after reading the text. The theme is the universal lesson of the novel. What is the main theme(s) of this novel?

If you have any questions about Summer Reading, please contact your English teacher.

Thank you for supporting the Summer Reading Program,  
Cabrini High School English Department