Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer is approaching and the Canton High School English Department is excited about another summer of reading for pleasure. Through our summer reading program we want to encourage a love of reading and provide students time for pleasure reading. Studies show that pleasure reading has lifelong benefits and is a valuable asset in education*.

**Student Choice**

We all know that students read more and learn more when they are engaged and reading books of high interest. Our program emphasizes student choice and provides students with a variety of texts from which to choose. We are hoping students develop a strong connection with the summer reading books, and we are sure your child will find titles that are of interest.

**Expectations:**

Students will choose TWO titles** from the summer reading list. Though the books are organized by grade level this year, we welcome students to choose any book on the list. We offer many genres from which to choose:

- young adult literature
- non-fiction
- historical fiction
- classics
- mystery
- fantasy
- sports
- biography/memoir

All titles were recommended by faculty, students and/or were taken from national book lists.

**Please see specific requirements for AP courses on the summer reading list.**

**Book Club Model**

The summer reading program will follow a book club model. In September, students will participate in discussion groups within their English classes. After reading the two books over the summer, students are to come to the book groups with ideas and questions that can be used in the discussion.

Students will NOT be required to take a test on the summer reading texts, but are expected to be prepared to participate fully in the graded discussion.
The Summer Reading List
The summer reading list can be accessed via the Canton High School Library website. The site also includes reading tips and suggestions. https://chscantonma.libguides.com/summerreading.

Students have been given a chance to browse the titles and look at the books in the CHS library during English classes. Students can buy their books on their own, download them to an electronic device or take a book out from the school or town library.

Communication
Just as you guide your teenager concerning television, movies, and music, you can use the summer reading program as an opportunity to talk with your teenager about the type of books that he/she enjoys reading for pleasure and what new genres might be of interest. We hope that you will work together in making an appropriate choice of books. We also encourage you to read the titles with your child and have discussions about them at home.

We are very excited about our summer reading program and hope that it will promote more reading and discussion of multiple genres of literature within our student body. If you have any questions regarding the Summer Reading Program, please contact Rebecca Ashley at ashleyr@cantonma.org or 781-821-5050 ext. 2301.

Sincerely,

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