

Denton Calvary Academy Summer Reading Program, Grades 10-12

Dear Calvary Students and Parents,

At Denton Calvary Academy, summer reading is a valuable extension of our academic program, encouraging students to keep thinking, questioning, and learning even while they are away from school. In preparation for the next school year, all secondary students will read at least one book during the summer break. Our summer reading program exists to meet two key goals.

First, we wish to help students prepare for the challenges of a new academic year. Research has shown a direct correlation between reading and academic success, and as educators we have personally witnessed the value of fostering a student's reading skills. The ability to read with fluency and good comprehension is essential in all areas of study, and reading during the summer months helps students to maintain this ability.

Second, we wish to encourage students to read for enjoyment. In order to meet this goal, we allow students to choose from a substantial list of literary masterpieces, ranging from the Renaissance to the 20th century, that encompass a wide variety of topics, themes, and genres. We hope that the broad array of available choices will lead students to discover new genres, authors, and topics that suit their individual interests, and that these discoveries will lay the foundation for a lifelong love of reading.

Please review the list of instructions for students on the next page before choosing a book, and contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for partnering with us to make this program successful.

Have a wonderful summer!

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Instructions for Students

- Choose a book from the attached list for the appropriate level. For example, if you plan to enroll in English IV next year, choose from the English IV list.
- **Choose a book that you have not read before.**
- One of the goals of this program is enjoyment, so **choose a book that interests you.** Read the description on the back of the book (or the product description on amazon.com) before deciding to read it. You can also ask your parents and teachers for recommendations.
- Books marked with an asterisk (*) contain mature subject matter. If you wish to read one of these selections, please ask for your parents' approval.
- If you do not see a book on the list that interests you, your parent may approve a substitution on a comparable difficulty level. Your parent's reason and rationale for the substitution must be written out, signed, and stapled to your summer reading worksheet. Your English teacher for the 2014 – 2015 school year will contact your parent to confirm that he or she approved the substitution.
- We encourage you to discuss your reading with your parents. What interesting issues are raised by the book you chose? What messages are conveyed? Are these issues and messages relevant to your life? Take this opportunity to discuss these issues with your family.
- Complete the attached summer reading worksheet for the appropriate level, and sign at the bottom to confirm that you have read your book in its entirety.
- Ask your parent to sign your worksheet to confirm that you have read the book in its entirety.
- Bring your worksheet to class on the first day of the next school year.

Summer Reading List for Grade 10

Students entering Grade 10 will choose one book from this list.

- **2001: A Space Odyssey**

Arthur C. Clarke

ISBN: 0451457994

When an enigmatic monolith is found buried on the moon, scientists are amazed to discover that it's at least 3 million years old. Even more amazing, after it's unearthed the artifact releases a powerful signal aimed at Saturn. What sort of alarm has been triggered? To find out, a manned spacecraft, the *Discovery*, is sent to investigate.

- **Alas, Babylon**

Pat Frank

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In the not-so-distant future, a nuclear war has broken out, and the residents of a small Florida town are determined to stay alive.

- **Around the World in 80 Days**

Jules Verne

ISBN: 014044906X

Phileas Fogg rashly bets his companions £20,000 that he can travel around the entire globe in just eighty days—and he is determined not to lose.

- **Ben Hur**

Lew Wallace

ISBN: 1934648213

This faithful New Testament tale combines the events of the life of Jesus with grand historical spectacle in the exciting story of Judah of the House of Hur, a man who finds extraordinary redemption for himself and his family.

- **Ender's Game**

Orson Scott Card

ISBN: 0812550706

Bred by the government to be a military genius, young Ender Wiggin must leave his family to attend an elite battle school on a space station. Can he save mankind from being wiped out by alien invaders?

- **The Fellowship of the Ring**

J.R.R. Tolkien

ISBN: 0618574948

The first installment in *The Lord of the Rings*, the classic trilogy of adventure, fantasy, and the epic struggle between good and evil. Students who have already read *The Fellowship of the Ring* may choose to read its sequel, *The Two Towers*.

- **Into the Wild**

John Krakauer

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The true story of Christopher McCandless, an intelligent, upper-middle class college graduate who disappeared, without explanation, into the Alaskan wilderness.

- **Murder on the Orient Express**

Agatha Christie

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In this riveting page-turner, Detective Hercule Poirot must find the culprit in a baffling murder case—before the killer strikes again.

4. Give the **setting** of the book. Include the time and place in which the action occurs.

5. Describe the **main conflict** of the book.

6. Describe how the main conflict is **resolved**.
