

WYOMISSING AREA JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The incoming class of tenth graders is required to complete a summer reading assignment. Your child recently participated in a book talk and was introduced to each selection. This required reading will prepare the students for our first unit of study in the opening weeks of the school year. As part of this requirement, your child needs to take notes using his or her preferred method. These notes will serve as support for your child for the activities and assessments completed upon our return to school in August.

All of the books are available at Barnes and Noble. You may also order a copy at Amazon.com. Copies are also available for students to borrow from local libraries. We recommend that students have access to their own copies in class during the beginning of the year.

Honors English: Students in Honors English must read *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck (ISBN: 978-0142000670) and A Separate Peace by John Knowles (ISBN: 978-0743253970). The additional assignment for Honors English is a Summer Reading Guide.

Academic English: Students in Academic English will choose and read one novel from the following list:

A Separate Peace by John Knowles (ISBN: 978-0743253970) Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand (ISBN: 978-1400064168) or the Young Adult version titled Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive (ISBN: 978-0605828018). The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (ISBN: 9780375842207).

Comprehensive English: Students in Comprehensive English will read *The House on Mango* Street by Sandra Cisneros (ISBN: 978-0679734772).

We urge all parents and guardians to work with their children in choosing books that all parties find appropriate and engaging. This reading assignment is intended to promote reading, to encourage responsibility, and to prepare students for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

The English Department