



WYOMISSING AREA JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The incoming class of eighth graders is required to read a book this summer. 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, which may include journal entries, literature circles, and student-led discussions. As part of this requirement, your child needs to complete a close-reading assignment: Students in Accelerated English will complete an annotation assignment with post-it notes; students in Academic English and Comprehensive English will complete an accompanying worksheet based on the book he or she has chosen. A copy of the worksheet can be found on the junior-senior high school's web site. This worksheet will be collected on the first day of school. It will be graded and will be used to guide classroom discussions.

The students must choose a book based on the English class they have been recommended to take in eighth grade. All of the books are available at Barnes and Noble. You may also order a copy at Amazon.com. Copies are also available at local libraries. We recommend that students have access to their own copies in class during the beginning of the year.

Accelerated English: Choose one of the following:

Caputo, Philip. *10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War*. ISBN: 978-1416907251.

Killough McClafferty, Carla. *Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment*. ISBN: 978-1467710671.

Crowe, Chris. *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*. ISBN: 978-0803728042.

Sandler, Martin W. *How the Beatles Changed the World*. ISBN: 978-0-802735652.

Academic English: Choose one of the following:

Alifrenka, Caitlin and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch. *I Will Always Write Back*. ISBN: 978-0316241335.

Pearsall, Shelly. *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. ISBN: 978-0553497311.

Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost*. ISBN: 978-1481450157.

Smith, Roland. *Zach's Lie*. ISBN: 978-0786814404.

Venkatraman, Padma. *A Time to Dance*. ISBN: 978-0147514400.

Comprehensive English: Choose one of the following:

Hunt, Irene. *The Lottery Rose*. ISBN: 978-0425182796.

Smith, Roland. *Zach's Lie*. ISBN: 978-0786814404.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Miracle's Boys*. ISBN: 978-0142406021.

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