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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Students entering eighth grade will read a book during the summer break to prepare them for their English class:

- For students entering Accelerated English, the assignment is **required** and involves reading the book listed below.
- For students entering Academic English, students are encouraged to read <u>one</u> of the books listed below for **enrichment**. It is not a requirement.

Your child participated in a book talk before the end of the school year and was introduced to each of the choices. All of the books on the list are available at Barnes and Noble, local libraries, and online at Amazon.com. We recommend that students have access to their own copies in class during the beginning of the year.

## **Accelerated English:**

Lewis, John, ed al. *March*: Book 1. ISBN: 978-1603093002

**Academic English:** Choose **one** of the following:

Alifirenka, Caitlin and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch. I will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two

Lives. 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

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

Sincerely,

The English Department