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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

- For students entering Honors English, the assignment is **required** and involves reading at least one of the books 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.

## **Honors English:** Choose <u>one</u> of the following:

Green, John. Turtles All the Way Down. ISBN: 978-052555360

Quick, Matthew. Boy21. ISBN: 978-0316127967

Shusterman, Neal. Challenger Deep. ISBN: 978-0061134142

Toten, Teresa. The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B. ISBN: 978-0553507898

## **Academic English:** Choose <u>one</u> of the following:

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Fever 1793. ISBN: 978-0689848919

Avi. Nothing but the Truth. ISBN: 978-0545174152

Card, Orson Scott. Ender's Game. ISBN: 978-0812550702

\*Draper, Sharon. *Copper Sun*. ISBN: 978-1416953487

(This choice contains realistic portrayals of the slave trade, which some readers may find disturbing.)

Fleischman, Paul. Whirligig. ISBN: 978-0312629113

\*Green, John. The Fault in Our Stars: ISBN: 978-0525478812

(This choice contains mature situations and language.) Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. ISBN: 978-0062024039

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