



June 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I trust this letter finds you well, as we rapidly approach the end of another academic year. Hopefully this summer will bring good weather, time spent with family, and the opportunity to read for pleasure. I hope that, as students now find themselves with more free time, they take advantage of the opportunity to expand their horizons and read selections that are not examined within the curriculum.

This year, the English Department has selected **Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*** as the summer reading title for grades 9-12. The book, often described as both inspirational and life-changing, follows the journey of a young boy who sets out to find treasure, yet learns much about himself and what is truly important in life along the way.

Students entering grade 12 who are not taking AP Literature will also read Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

The summer reading title(s) will be a major part of the first marking period, as the teachers will use them during classroom lessons and assessments. If your child is enrolled in Advanced Placement or Honors classes, the course-specific selections are listed on the back of this page. The assignments for these courses will be posted on the English Department website prior to June 22.

As always, we encourage students to pursue any form of reading over the summer, including both fiction and nonfiction titles, newspapers and magazines, and collections of short stories or poetry. A summer reading list from our own librarians has been generated to provide further reading suggestions. This list provides thoughtful selections that children in grades 9-12 can enjoy.

We invite all students and parents to join us at the Barnes and Noble in town for our *Forum* release party, which begins at 7:00 on Wednesday, June 6. The event coincides with a Book Fair, at which all qualifying sales will provide the Eastchester UFSD with points to earn rewards. Please see the attached voucher that can be used both in store and online, and will enable the district to accrue rewards points. Should you forget to bring the voucher, you can inform the cashier that you are from Eastchester, and the points can be counted towards our total. Both in-store and online purchases made from June 6 through 11 count towards our total.

While we are conducting the Book Fair, you may also choose to purchase the text(s) online, or to borrow the novel(s) from the public libraries.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!

Regards,

Bryan Johnson



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Summer Reading Selections*

Students entering English 9H:

Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Mythology packet, available online

Students entering English 10H:

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Students entering AP Language:

Braving It by James Campbell
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Students entering English 12:

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

Students entering AP Literature:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Hamlet by William Shakespeare

*** Complete assignments are listed on the English Department web page.**