

May 18, 2021

Dear Parents:

The summer reading program was temporarily suspended last summer due to the COVID-19 lockdown. I am happy to report that this year the summer reading program will be reinstated. As in the past, our summer reading program is designed to encourage reading throughout the summer months, sustain academic growth over the summer, promote academic excellence in the classroom, and improve standardized test scores.

During the 2021 summer, students will be required to read one novel. In order to ensure participation in the program, students will be administered a test prepared by the teacher in the English classroom upon returning to school in August. The assigned novel will be reviewed prior to testing. Please note that the review is not intended to "tell" students what the book is about so that they can pass the test. Instead, the review is designed to discuss thematic issues, plot structure, rhetorical devices, etc., with students who have already read the book. Graded assignments pertaining to the novel will be given on review days. Thus, daily grades and one test grade will be required for the novel. These grades will be applied to the first nine-week grading period.

Of course, we encourage students to read as many books as possible over the summer. Studies have shown that there is a direct correlation between student success in the classroom and the amount of time spent reading. Therefore, we are asking you to please help us help your child. Your support of this program is important to the continued success of your child.

We thank you in advance for your continued support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patrician Academy.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bracknell

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

Grade 9	<i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London (ISBN 9781096302117)
Grade 10	<i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London (ISBN 9781096302117)
Grade 11	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel (ISBN 978-0-374-50001-6)
Grade 12A	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding (ISBN 9780399501487)
Grade 12B	<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell (ISBN 978-0-451-52634-2)