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**Summer Reading List 2017
Entering Grade Seven**

ALL students must read the book:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Korman, Gordon	<i>Schooled</i> (realistic fiction) “Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school” (Goodreads).

When they return to school, students will complete a close reading exercise that will count toward their Term 1 grade. More information will be distributed during the first week of school.
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Summer Reading List 2017
Entering Grade Eight

ALL students must read the book:

Trash by Andy Mulligan

Andy Mulligan has written a powerful story about unthinkable poverty—and the kind of hope and determination that can transcend it. With twists and turns, unrelenting action, and deep, raw emotion, *Trash* is a heart-pounding, breath-holding novel (Amazon).

When they return to school, students will complete an assessment that will count toward their Term 1 grade. More information will be distributed during the first week of school. Parents are encouraged to review their child's book choice.

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ALL students entering 9th grade must read:

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

The novel is clever, alluring, and wildly addictive. Each summer the wealthy, seemingly perfect, members of the Sinclair family gather on their private island. *We Were Liars* is the story of those annual reunions; in particular what happened during a summer that protagonist Cadence is unable to remember. Prejudice, greed, and shifting patriarchal favoritism among the three adult sisters contrast with the camaraderie and worldview of the teenage cousins and their dear friend Gat (Amazon).

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Students will take an assessment the first week of school.

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ALL students entering 10th grade must read:

Flowers For Algernon by Daniel Keyes

It is story of a mentally disabled man whose experimental quest for intelligence mirrors that of Algernon, an extraordinary lab mouse. In his diary entries, Charlie tells how a brain operation increases his IQ and changes his life (Amazon).

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ALL students entering 11th grade must read:

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there (Goodreads).

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Entering grade 12 AP:

Required Reading: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

ALL other students entering 12th grade must read:

Deadline - by Chris Crutcher

Ben Wolf has big things planned for his senior year. (*Had* big things planned) Now what he has is some very bad news and only one year left to make his mark on the world (Goodreads).

Students will take an assessment the first week of school.

Humanities (Honors, elective):

Required Reading: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

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