

Summer Reading List 2009 for Incoming 9th Graders

Williamsville East High School

Good books offer a view into another life. This summer reading list introduces you to interesting characters living interesting lives.

Choose one of the following books:

Gary Paulsen	<i>Winterdance</i>
Chris Crutcher	<i>Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes</i>
Joan Bauer	<i>Backwater</i>
Betty Smith	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Robert Cormier	<i>We All Fall Down</i>
Walter Dean Myers	<i>Slam</i>
Joyce Carol Oates	<i>Big Mouth and Ugly Girl</i>
Carl Deuker	<i>Gym Candy</i>

Once you have finished reading the book, you will need to take notes and write a short response to your reading. You will use this note sheet to complete a writing assignment when we return to school in September. Be sure to record the page numbers of your favorite parts of the book so that you can locate them when you return to school.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOTE SHEET

Write a response in which you nominate a character from your novel for a “Most Vivid Character Award”. Support your choice with quotations, examples, descriptions, evidence of character growth and lessons learned. Please be sure to note the title and author of the book in your response and avoid plot summary.

Bring responses and a copy of your book to class on the first day of school.

You may access book reviews and sample chapters for most of the titles on this list by going to <http://wcsdestiny.williamsvillek12.org>, selecting *East High School*, and clicking on the *Catalog* tab at the top of the page. Enter the title of the book in the text box following *Find*, click on the *Title* icon, click on the *Details* icon following the title, and then click on the book cover to access this information.

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