Dear Parents / Guardians of English IV & English IV Electives:

Reading during the summer develops lifelong reading habits and it is an important part of West Senior’s English curriculum.

Summer reading for the 2023 school year is mandatory. During the summer, students must read one of the books listed on the attached page. Students will complete a written assessment in English class during the first week of school. We recommend students take notes while reading their book and/or bring their book to class the first week.

Each grade level has a different list, so students should be sure to choose from the list that corresponds to the grade level they are entering in September. *Students entering Grade 9 Honors, Grade 10 Honors, English IV Enriched and AP/Hilbert 12H have a different assignment.* Students who are enrolled in one of those classes in the fall but did not receive the assignment specific to that class can access the correct assignment on West Senior’s website under *School Resources* and then under *English Summer Reading.*

The books on the list cover a wide range of reading levels and genres. If needed, students can receive help selecting a book from the list by speaking to their English teacher or Mrs. Knaze, West Senior’s school librarian, before the end of school in June. While students may want to purchase a copy of the book to bring it to school in September, it is also possible to borrow the book from the library. Depending on availability, students can check out their selected book from West Senior’s library before school ends in June or borrow it from the public library. An electronic copy of the book may be obtained using SORA, accessible through the West Senior library’s web site at [http://wswshs.wscschools.libguides.com/home](http://wswshs.wscschools.libguides.com/home), or through the West Seneca Public Library’s catalog of ebooks and via Overdrive at [https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default](https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default). If students are borrowing a book/e-book from the library, they should take notes as they read to review before the in-class written assessment. *Students will not be permitted to use their phones to access ebooks or notes.*

We believe this program will enhance our students’ reading skills. If students have any questions during the summer, they can email their previous English teacher or [jschubring@wscschools.org](mailto:jschubring@wscschools.org) or [pcarlone@wscschools.org](mailto:pcarlone@wscschools.org). We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Sincerely,

The Faculty of the West Seneca West English Department

*Summer Reading List for Students Entering English IV and English IV Electives, 2023*
Fiction
- Tyrell by Coe Booth
- Blackout: A Novel by Dhonielle Clayton and Tiffany Jackson
- Somewhere Between Bitter and Sweet by Laekan Zea Kemp
- Don’t Hate the Player by Alexis Nedd
- Clean by Amy Reed
- Jackpot by Nic Stone
- All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir

Fantasy/Science Fiction
- Warcross by Marie Lu
- Little Thieves by Margaret Owen
- An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir
- Daughter of Smoke and Bone by Laini Taylor

Historical Fiction
- Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
- The Eagle’s Claw: A Novel of the Battle of Midway by Jeff Shaara
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Thrillers/Mystery/Suspense/Horror
- Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre by Max Brooks
- I Hunt Killers by Barry Lyga
- The Girls I’ve Been by Tess Sharpe
- The Darkest Corners by Kara Thomas
- Don’t Look for Me by Wendy Walker
- The River Has Teeth by Erica Waters

Romance
- The Last Summer of You and Me by Ann Brashares
- Getting Over Max Cooper by Marcelle Karp
- I Kissed Shara Wheeler by Casey McQuiston
- Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Survival Fiction
- The Living by Matt de la Peña

Satire
- Survivor: A Novel by Chuck Palahniuk

Nonfiction (History/Autobiography/Biography/Memoir)
- The Liar’s Club by Mary Carr
- The Power of a Positive Team by Jon Gordon
- The First Wave: The D-Day Warriors Who Led the Way to Victory in WWII by Alex Kershaw
- No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row by Susan Kuklin
- Mox by Jon Moxley
- No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin