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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reading is one very important way to increase reading skills and academic achievement. The State Department of Education and the U.S Department of Education strongly urge all schools to promote summer reading. All students enrolled in an English class will have required summer reading.

Attached you will find the novel choices for each grade level. If a student is enrolled in more than one English, he/she is responsible for the required reading in each enrolled class. It is the responsibility of each student to obtain the book. An in class writing assessment will be taken on the essential question provided. This assessment will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The Belleville High School English Department

There will be a writing assessment upon returning to school. Please consider the essential question while reading the novel.

English 1

Essential Question: What does it mean to be an American?

Academic: Choose ONE of the following novels:

North of Happy by Adi Alsaid

The Lines We Cross by Rana Abdel-Fattah

Honors: Read BOTH novels:

North of Happy by Adi Alsaid

Elizabeth and Hazel by David Margolick

English 2

Essential Question: What is the allure of fear?

What is it that draws us to visit haunted houses on Halloween and read stories that keep us up all night startled by every strange noise we hear? The allure of fear is a powerful attraction. Similarly, the concept of “scary but fun” appeals to many of us. The selections you will read offer insight into why people enjoy stories that put them on the edges of their seats.

Academic: Choose ONE of the following novels:

House of Furies by Madeleine Roux

Asylum by Madeleine Roux

Honors: Read BOTH novels:

House of Furies by Madeleine Roux

The Replacement by Brenna Yovanoff

English 3

Essential Question: What is the meaning of freedom?

Academic: Choose ONE of the following novels:

Alex & Eliza by Melissa De La Cruz
Dear Martin by Nic Stone

Honors: Read BOTH novels:

Alex & Eliza by Melissa De La Cruz
Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary by Martha Brockenbrough

English 4

Essential Question: What makes a hero?

Academic: Choose ONE of the following novels:

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Abigail Pesta
Grendel's Guide to Love and War by A.E Kaplan

Honors: Read BOTH novels:

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Abigail Pesta
City of Saints & Thieves by Natalie C. Anderson