Welcome to Collegiate! Your ninth-grade English teachers have selected a wide range of books for your summer reading that will tantalize, challenge, and engross you. You will read one book from the list on the back of this paper which have been recommended because of their high interest level and their connection to what we will be studying next year. You will have a major grade related to your book choice at the beginning of school. To start off on the right foot, be sure to have this assignment completed before school starts. If you would like extra credit please choose a second book (from this list or your first book’s sequel) and complete the same assignment.

**Assignment: Metacognitive Reader’s Log**
You will write log entries at two points in your book:

1. At the halfway point of your book, answer the question “How would you describe the main character?” **5 sentences minimum**
2. At the end of your book, answer the question “How has the main character changed from the beginning of the novel?” **10 sentences minimum**

This assignment will be due at the beginning of school. This summer reading will be related to your first major grade for your freshman year.

**Grading**
Your log will be assessed on the following:
Do you answer the question?
Do you answer in complete sentences?
Do you answer in a paragraph or more?
    *If so, your year will likely be off to a great start!*

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**Bryan Collegiate will not be able to provide the following books; you are responsible for getting them.**

Copies should be available at Half Price Books, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, and hpbmarketplace.com.
**Book Choices**

*Please pick one book from the following list.*

**The Maze Runner by James Dashner** - *If you ain’t scared, you ain’t human.* When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He’s surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. *Nice to meet ya, shank. Welcome to the Glade.* Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It’s the only way out—and no one’s ever made it through alive. *Everything is going to change.* Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying. Remember. Survive. Run.

**The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman** - Lyra is rushing to the cold, far North, where witch clans and armored bears rule. North, where the Gobblers take the children they steal—including her friend Roger. North, where her fearsome uncle Asriel is trying to build a bridge to a parallel world. Can one small girl make a difference in such great and terrible endeavors? This is Lyra: a savage, a schemer, a liar, and as fierce and true a champion as Roger or Asriel could want. But what Lyra doesn’t know is that to help one of them will be to betray the other. . . .

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares** - Some friends just fit together. Once there was a pair of pants. Just an ordinary pair of jeans. But these pants, the Traveling Pants, went on to do great things. This is the story of the four friends—Lena, Tibby, Bridget, and Carmen—who made it possible.

**The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan** - Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can’t seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him.

**Divergent by Veronica Roth** - *One choice can transform you.* Beatrice Prior's society is divided into five factions—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). Beatrice must choose between staying with her Abnegation family and transferring factions. Her choice will shock her community and herself. But the newly christened Tris also has a secret, one she’s determined to keep hidden, because in this world, *what makes you different makes you dangerous.*

**Hatchet by Gary Paulsen** - Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent’s divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

**Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs** - A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.