

Dear Class of 2029,

Welcome to Holy Trinity! We are excited to begin this new chapter with you as part of our school community. As you prepare for this exciting transition, we'd like to introduce your **summer reading assignment**—a key first step in getting ready for the academic challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

This summer, you are required to read **ONE** of the following choices:

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

OR

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

(Both novels are available on Amazon or Barnes & Noble)

You will be tested on your choice the first full week of classes (Friday, September 12), so be sure to read actively and take notes as needed.

Why is summer reading important? Quite simply, **reading is one of the most powerful tools you can develop for academic success.** Strong reading skills will help you understand and engage with complex ideas, express yourself clearly in writing, and think critically about the world around you. Reading also expands your vocabulary, strengthens your concentration, and sparks your imagination—all essential skills for thriving in high school and beyond.

But reading isn't just about academics. It's about discovering new perspectives, finding your voice, and connecting with stories that inspire you. Whether you're reading fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or biography, every page you turn has the potential to shape the way you see yourself and the world.

We encourage you to approach this assignment with curiosity and an open mind. Enjoy the book, and come ready to share your thoughts with your teachers and classmates in the fall.

Have a restful and enriching summer. We can't wait to welcome you in September!

Warm regards,

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