A Message from the English Department

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Dear Guerin College Prep Parents and Students,

On behalf of the Guerin Prep English Department, I would like to welcome you to the 2017 Summer Reading Program. It is highly recommended that incoming 9th through 12th graders read one book from the list provided in the link, Book Titles.

Books may be obtained at bookstores, libraries, or online. Students are free to read a paper or digital copy of their selection. The book title list provides links to descriptions and reviews of the selected literary works.

Students should read their book of choice at their leisure over the course of the summer and complete the Summer Reading Project – 9th/10th Grade and Summer Reading Project – 11th/12th Grade by Monday, August 21, 2017. Assessments will be determined by course and/or grade level. Students are strongly encouraged to be active readers and participate in this extra credit opportunity. No late submissions will be accepted.

Honors and AP courses require additional summer reading; the required books for these courses are provided on the Reading Expectations by Grade Level and Course link. Assessments for Honors and AP course readings will be determined by course/grade level and may include a selected-response exam, a written response, a project, and/or a graded discussion.

Reading is vital to academic success in every subject area including English. It is a skill that requires consistent practice, and fortunately, can also be a pleasurable and enriching activity. Research shows that avid readers read better, write better, and concentrate better. They also tend to be nimbler in their thinking and empathetic in their interactions.

We hope you find the books in this year’s program to be both interesting and challenging. We invite parents to join in on the reading too. The teachers of the English Department look forward to hearing your observations about your selections at the beginning of the school year.

Sincerely,
Karin Calandriello – English Department Chairperson