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Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2018,

We are very much looking forward to next year. The Class of 2018 is a great class, and we have a lot of really wonderful things planned. **To prepare you for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, there is a reading assignment due on the first day of school. An outline of the assignment is explained on the other side of this sheet.**

Your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year is the most important year in terms of getting into high school. Starting at the very beginning of the year, high schools will be looking at students' grades, test scores, behavior, and attendance. The high school application deadline (December 8, 2017) comes very fast, therefore, as your 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, we will begin focusing on the application process within the first weeks of school.

**Students are asked to bring the following supplies and fee on the first day of school:**

- 2 boxes of tissue
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 bottle of hand sanitizer (15 oz.)
- 2 Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- 10 composition notebooks
- 7 folders
- 3 packs of lined notebook paper
- 4 highlighters
- 3 Scotch tape (for science and reading)
- 2 glue Sticks
- 6 packs of Post-it notes (3'X3')
- 2 packs of Post-it Flag Tabs
- EXPO dry erase markers
- Calculator!! Mandatory TI-30XIIS
- 4 reams of computer paper (500 sheets)
- USB stick/jump drive
- pens (black, blue, and green)
- pencils and pencil Sharpener
- Index cards small and large
- markers
- colored pencils
- 1 graph paper notebook (150 sheets spiral)
- \$40.00 Student Fee
- Uniform (White top, black or navy blue pants)

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Ms. Sanchez at [masanchez14@cps.ed](mailto:masanchez14@cps.ed) or Ms. Ehrenberg [knehenberg@cps.edu](mailto:knehenberg@cps.edu).

We hope that you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 5, 2017!!!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Ehrenberg

**Summer Assignment on Backside**

## 8th Grade Required Reading Assignment

**DUE: Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

As a reminder, you are required to complete a reading assignment for the first day of school. This assignment is worth 50 points, and will be your first grade of the quarter in reading.

### **Reading**

Students must read **two** young adult novels (at least 200 pages) and write a 1-2 page **typed**, 5 paragraph response essay for **each** novel.

### ***Response Essay Format:***

- **Paragraph One (Introduction):** Introduce your novel, include the title, author, and explain why you selected the novel.
- **Paragraph Two:** Provide a short synopsis/plot summary of your novel. Be sure to include the main characters, setting (time and place), conflict, resolution, and theme of the story.
- **Paragraph Three: Explain** how you relate/connect or don't relate/connect to the main character or the main issue/conflict in your novel. Consider characters' personality, background, actions, choices, and thinking.
- **Paragraph Four:** Explain what you liked best about the novel and/or your favorite parts and author's craft/writing. Include thoughts, opinions, reactions, textual support and reasoning.
- **Paragraph Five (Conclusion):** Sum up your essay and discuss who you would recommend the novel to and explain why.

**\*\*\*The key to successfully completing each response essay is to explain, explain, explain! You must support all your thoughts, opinions, and reactions with evidence from the text and your own thinking (explanation).**

To recap, you will be turning in **two** (1- 2 pages each) typed novel response essays for reading. See you in September!

**ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017)**