Summer Reading 2014

- Choose 1 of the following books to read.

- Details regarding the required project are included in your letter and on the school’s webpage:

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Mistaken Identity
by Van Ryn and Cerak

In this nonfiction account of a horrific car crash involving a van from Taylor University in 2006, Laura Van Ryn, Whitney Cerak and their families were victims of an awful mistake: the wrong girl was identified as the survivor of a car crash that claimed multiple lives. Told in traditional narrative, prayer journals, and passages from the families' blogs, this book is the account of the experiences of these two families and also a personal testimonial of their faith.
Tris's initiation day should have been marked by celebration and victory with her chosen faction; instead, the day ended with unspeakable horrors. War now looms as conflict between the factions and their ideologies grows. And in times of war, sides must be chosen, secrets will emerge, and choices will become even more irrevocable—and even more powerful. Transformed by her own decisions but also by haunting grief and guilt, radical new discoveries, and shifting relationships, Tris must fully embrace her Divergence, even if she does not know what she may lose by doing so.
Romiette and Julio
by Sharon Draper

A contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet: Julio Montague meets Romiette Cappelle in an Internet chat room when his family moves to Cincinnati to escape from the gangs in his high school. Julio and Romiette discover that not everyone approves of their budding romance. Romiette is African-American and Julio is Hispanic and the Devildogs, a dangerous local gang, oppose their interracial relationship. Soon, the couple find themselves trying to avoid their tragic fate of Shakespeare's famous young lovers.
Ali Nujood, the first child bride in Yemen to win a divorce, tells the story of her experiences after her father arranged for her to be married in 2008 at the age of ten to a man three times her age, describes what happened when she sought out a judge in order to get a divorce, and discusses the impact of her actions on traditional Yemen culture and society.
In this sequel to The Warrior Heir, Seph McCauley has spent the past three years getting kicked out of one private school after another due to his ‘magical accidents.’ Seph is an untrained wizard and the only person who can protect him is dead. After causing a tragic fire, Seph is sent away to a boy’s school in Maine where he finds Headmaster Leicester in charge. The Headmaster promises to train him in magic, but later Seph discovers that this training comes at a price and he may not survive.
Wheelchair Warrior
by Melvin Juette

The memoir of Melvin Juette, who was paralyzed in a gang-related shooting, attended college, and became a wheelchair basketball athlete, playing for the U.S. National Wheelchair Basketball team.
Michael Oher recounts how he defied the odds, escaped from the inner-city Memphis ghetto, found a family to take him in, and used his football skills to build a better life for himself.
Purple Heart
by Patricia McCormick

While recuperating at a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, 18 year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten year old friend, Ali.
Grief Girl
by Erin Vincent

This is the true story of a girl from Australia who loses both parents to a car accident at the age of 14. She and her older sister and younger brother have to make their way in the world finding a way to deal with the practical matters of money, school, and survival as well as all of the emotional issues. The book captures the overwhelming fear, grief, guilt and despair of a horrific situation.
Born to Rock
by Gordon Korman

High school senior, Leo Carroway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend. Leo is introduced to the decadent world of punk performers, production crews, agents, and groupies that confirms his dislike of the music, but at the same time, he reexamines his primary beliefs and principles and is fundamentally changed by his experiences. Korman’s story has an appealing narrative voice, sharp dialogue, and vivid characterization to portray Leo’s coming of age. A fun read!
Legend
by Marie Lu

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.
After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.
Left For Dead
by Pete Nelson

At the end of WWII, the U.S.S. Indianapolis sunk in the Pacific and the crew of the ship was subjected to shark attacks and exposure to the elements. This is the amazing account of the sinking, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how years later, a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight after fifty-five years.
Just before his sixteenth birthday, Felton Reinstein has a sudden growth spurt that turns him from a small, jumpy, picked-on boy with the nickname of "Squirrel Nut" to a powerful athlete, leading to new friends, his first love, and the courage to confront his family's past and current problems.
The Maze Runner
by James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.
We Hope You Enjoy Your Summer Reading!