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Dear Students and Parents of Honors English I,

This summer the English Department is requesting that students spend some time engaged in reading. ***Students enrolled in Honors English I will have a choice of five books in addition to the required title for all freshmen: Season of Life.*** Parents are encouraged to review the texts with their son to determine the option they feel is most appropriate. ***Students must select a text that they have not read before.*** The idea of the summer reading program is that it engages students' minds and pushes them to meaningful reflection, requiring a new text.

## Text Choices

***Students must read any one of the following texts in addition to Season of Life by Jeffrey Marx.***

1. *I, Juan de Pareja* by Elizabeth Borton de Treviño
2. *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok
3. *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque
4. *Babylon Revisited and Other Stories* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
5. *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

## Availability

Saint Ignatius High School has copies of the summer reading text available for students. A free copy of the text may be obtained on campus during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.) June 6-July 29 in the principal's office located on the first floor of the Main Building. If desired, you may also purchase your own copy of the text or use an e-book as long as it is not an abridged version.

## Summer Reading Assessment

***Students will be assessed primarily by an essay written at the beginning of the school year as well as a reading check on the first day of classes that will examine a student's thorough, deliberate in-text annotations.*** These annotations should feature a chapter summary after every chapter as well as color coded highlighting defined in notes early in the book's title pages or careful, clear margin notes that signal to the teacher that the student is reading, tracking key ideas, and asking questions of the text to enhance and monitor their understanding.

We hope that the summer break allows time to rest, reflect, and prepare for the academic year at Saint Ignatius High School.

Sincerely,

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