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Dear Parents,

The Chesapeake school system has implemented a suggested reading list for honors students. Currently, the Honors English 9 curriculum at Western Branch High School requires students to read seven novels during the semester. Two of these selections, *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding and *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey, have traditionally been assigned as summer reading, followed by class lessons and discussions early in the semester.

We recognize that the transition from middle school to high school can be difficult, so reading these selections during the summer may minimize stress and enable students to “get ahead.” *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* is an excellent source of information to help rising freshmen make this transition and should be read before starting high school. While summer reading is not a requirement, these books will be evaluated within the first few weeks of the course.

As always, reading is an essential skill for academic success. Reading grammatically correct sentence patterns improves writing, so we encourage reading during the summer months to hone these skills. Please encourage your child to read daily whether it be a newspaper, magazine or book.

Feel free to visit our school website (at [www.cpschools.com](http://www.cpschools.com)) to locate additional materials to help orient you to WBHS.

Sincerely,

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