Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Welcome! Emmett O’Brien Technical High School considers summer reading an important part of our goal to provide students with exposure to books and opportunities to enjoy reading. It will also prepare them for the 2017-2018 school year. Incoming freshmen are required to read one (1) book to fulfill the summer reading requirement. Below are the titles of books from which they may choose:

**Fiction:**
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

**Nonfiction:**
Night by Elie Wiesel
A Child Called It: Once Child’s Courage to Survive by Dave Pelzer

Students will complete the appropriate summer reading assessment located on the school’s website and hand it in to their English instructors on the LAST day of academic classes. It will count as a quiz grade for the first marking period.

In addition to the summer reading assignment, we are also asking students to participate in CONNECTICUT READS—the 2017 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. This is an opportunity for them to read as much as possible, thus not limiting themselves to required reading. It is a statewide program coordinated by the Connecticut State Department of Education in conjunction with the Connecticut State Library. Schools compete based on student population and grade level, and the schools with the highest participation rates and number of books read per student are recognized for their achievements. Participants should complete a log or list of all books they read during the summer. The log and a suggested reading list, as well as additional information and printable materials, can be accessed from the following website: [www.sde.ct.gov/sde/ctread](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/ctread). English instructors will collect the logs on the first day of academic classes, and we ask parents and guardians to sign them at the end of the summer.

This is also an opportunity for students to visit their local public libraries to get library cards if they don't already have one. They are staffed by librarians who are willing to help students find the right books for the summer reading challenge and to inform cardholders about on-line resources available for downloading books free of charge.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to help every student experience thoughtful, interesting and challenging reading. We wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Laurie LeBouthillier
Principal