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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

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 2019-2020 school year. **Juniors** are required to read one (1) book. **Honors students must read two (2) books.** Summer Reading assignments/projects are due on Friday, August 30th, and can be handed in to your child's English teacher. Summer Reading is 5% of each student's English grade for the 1st Marking Period. Below are the titles of books from which they may choose:

Fiction:	Nonfiction:
<u>Paper Towns</u> by John Green	<u>The Other Wes Moore</u> by Wes Moore
<u>The Great Gatsby</u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	<u>The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them</u> by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell
<u>Divergent</u> by Veronica Roth	

Students **MUST** complete one of the following summer reading assessments:

1. Guided Reading Assessment
2. Poetry Project
3. Movie Poster Project
4. Current Events Project (Google Slide Presentation Project)

Criteria for Summer Reading assessments and book titles can be found on our Summer Reading website:

<https://sites.google.com/cthss.org/eobsummerreading2019/home>

In addition to the summer reading assignment, we are also asking students to participate in CONNECTICUT READS--the 2019 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. 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 at 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 online 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,

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