



Summer 2022

Dear Incoming Freshmen Parents and Students:

Please refer to the Required Reading List for assigned novels for each grade. A copy of this list can be found on the Calvary website <https://www.calvaryacademy.org/> under Current Families>Documents & Forms>Required Reading & Supplies. In addition to summer reading, each high school class is assigned a writing component to support comprehension and critical thinking.

In preparation for next year's freshmen literature curriculum, students will be reading Harper Lee's classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird* over the summer. This story is set in the town of Alabama in 1936, 40 years after the Supreme Court's notorious Plessey vs Ferguson case that allowed the doctrine of "separate but equal" to stand, and 28 years before the enactment of the Civil Rights Act. The story is told through the eyes of a nine-year-old girl and her family's struggle in dealing with stereotyping, racism, segregation, and prejudice shown towards the local African American community, as well as other families.

This book authentically depicts life and conflict in a southern town during this tumultuous time, and as such, includes racially directed language and a court case that addresses inherent injustices. Therefore, please feel free to have discussions and dialogue that will help your teenager understand these issues with maturity and sensitivity. As a Christian community, it is important that we come alongside our teens to help guide them through world views that have permeated our culture and are destructive. This book will begin our high school journey of entering scholarly discussions with a Biblical worldview, and navigating difficult topics through the lens of faith and Scripture.

In September, we will be delving into the study of this book, therefore, I ask that students complete a precursory read of the book over the summer in order to be familiar with the plot line. I also will be asking them to **complete a graphic organizer/Chapter Study Guide for the first eight chapters** only of the book to enhance reading comprehension and stimulate questions for discussion in September. This organizer requires that you identify vocabulary, plot elements, make text connections, and formulate questions that we will be reviewing during our class discussions in the fall. Please read the entire novel and complete the organizer for the selected chapters over the summer. There will be a test on the first 8 chapters the first full week of school.

In the event your Study Guide is misplaced, copies are available from our office, can be found on our website with the link above, or you can work on an electronic copy in your One Note notebook. Your notebook for next year is labeled 9th LA 2022-2023. You will find copies in the *To Kill a Mockingbird* tab.

Have a wonderful summer and if you need to reach out to me, I am available all summer via email or Teams. I can be reached via email at: anamowitz@calvaryacademy.org

I can't wait to see you in September!

Blessings,

Mrs. Namowitz

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Vocabulary (Find and define 3 word that are new to you and OR significant)

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