

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory 8th Grade Summer Reading 2020

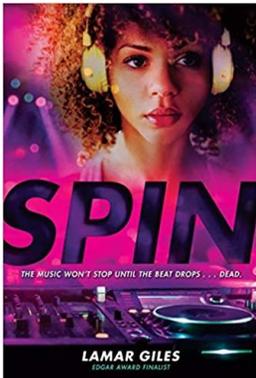
Students in eighth grade are asked to read two books (one required, one from options listed below) for summer reading, as follows:

1. *The Wave* by Todd Strasser (REQUIRED)



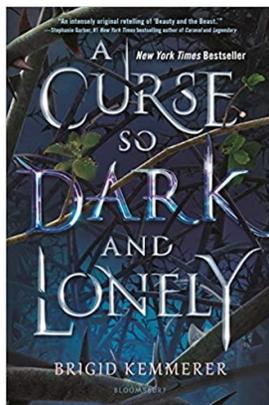
(From Amazon) *The Wave* is based on a true incident that occurred in a high school history class in Palo Alto, California, in 1969. The powerful forces of group pressure that pervaded many historic movements such as Nazism are recreated in the classroom when history teacher Burt Ross introduces a "new" system to his students. And before long "The Wave," with its rules of "strength through discipline, community, and action," sweeps from the classroom through the entire school. And as most of the students join the movement, Laurie Saunders and David Collins recognize the frightening momentum of "The Wave" and realize they must stop it before it's too late. **ASSESSMENT: Pass AR test by August 21st** or do a **Book Report Project due the 2nd week of school** (see attached list).

2. *Spin* by Lamar Giles (OPTION)



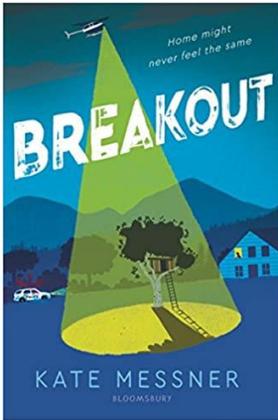
(From Amazon) When rising star Paris Secord (aka DJ ParSec) is found dead on her turntables, it sends the local music scene reeling. No one is feeling that grief more than her shunned pre-fame best friend, Kya, and ParSec's chief groupie, Fuse -- two sworn enemies who happened to be the ones who discovered her body. The police have few leads, and when the trail quickly turns cold, the authorities don't seem to be pushing too hard to investigate further. But nobody counted on Paris's deeply loyal fans, ParSec Nation, or the outrage that would drive Fuse and Kya to work together. As ParSec Nation takes to social media and the streets in their crusade for justice, Fuse and Kya start digging into Paris's past, stumbling across a deadly secret. With new info comes new motives. New suspects. And a fandom that will stop at nothing in their obsessive quest for answers, not even murder... **ASSESSMENT: Pass AR test by August 21st** or do a **Book Report Project due the 2nd week of school** (see attached list).

3. *A Curse So Dark and Lonely* by Brigid Kemmerer (OPTION)



(From Amazon) It once seemed so easy to Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfall. Cursed by a powerful enchantress to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year over and over, he knew he could be saved if a girl fell for him. But that was before he learned that at the end of each autumn, he would turn into a vicious beast hell-bent on destruction. That was before he destroyed his castle, his family, and every last shred of hope. Nothing has ever been easy for Harper. With her father long gone, her mother dying, and her brother barely holding their family together while constantly underestimating her because of her cerebral palsy, she learned to be tough enough to survive. But when she tries to save someone else on the streets of Washington, DC, she's instead somehow sucked into Rhen's cursed world. **ASSESSMENT: Pass AR test by August 21st** or do a **Book Report Project due the 2nd week of school** (see attached list).

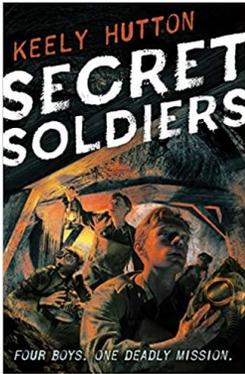
4. *Breakout* by Kate Messner (OPTION)



(From Amazon) Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek--two months of swimming, popsicles, and brushing up on her journalism skills for the school paper. But when two inmates break out of the town's maximum security prison, everything changes. Doors are locked, helicopters fly over the woods, and police patrol the school grounds. Worst of all, everyone is on edge, and fear brings out the worst in some people Nora has known her whole life. Even if the inmates are caught, she worries that home might never feel the same. Told in letters, poems, text messages, news stories, and comics--a series of documents Nora collects for the Wolf Creek Community Time Capsule Project--*Breakout* is a thrilling story that will leave readers thinking about who's really welcome in the places we call home.

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5. *Secret Soldiers: A Novel* by Keely Hutton (OPTION)



(From Amazon) *Secret Soldiers* follows the journey of Thomas, a thirteen-year-old coal miner, who lies about his age to join the Claykickers, a specialized crew of soldiers known as “tunnelers,” in hopes of finding his missing older brother. Thomas works in the tunnels of the Western Front alongside three other soldier boys whose constant bickering and inexperience in mining may prove more lethal than the enemy digging toward them. But as they burrow deeper beneath the battlefield, the boys discover the men they hope to become and forge a bond of brotherhood. **ASSESSMENT: Pass AR test by August 21st or do a Book Report Project due the 2nd week of school (see attached list).**

NOTE: Parents who like to screen books are advised to see the reviews on Common Sense Media or Amazon, as all the books on the Lone Star list deal with complex societal issues, such as school violence, racism, sexism, genocide, LGBTQ issues, and more. These are things that our students are thinking and wondering about already just based on living in society. They want to talk over these issues with adults who are close to them. We encourage parents to take this opportunity to read along with them.

LONE STAR CHALLENGE: This year we will have a Lone Star Challenge, similar to the Bluebonnet Challenge. Students who read and pass (with a 70 or higher) AR tests on **10** Lone Star books will receive lunch or a Starbucks treat purchased by their ELA teachers. Those who read all **20** Lone Star books will be able to compete in the Lone Star Battle at the end of the year, attend the Lone Star Party, and receive a free dress pass for a week.

Book report options for 8th grade summer reading

1. Heroes and superheroes

Select two or three people your character would think of as a hero or superhero. Describe the characteristics of the hero and why those characteristics would be important to your character. Also describe which characteristics your character would most want for himself/herself that the hero or superhero possesses. Report must be at least a page long.

2. Point of view column.

Write an opinion column like those that appear on the editorial page of the newspaper. Choose a theme or topic from the novel you just read and write the column from the point of view of one of the characters. Your character might write about the importance of education or why we should accept people who are not like us. Report must be at least a page long.

3. Diary Entries

Write 3 diary entries that a character from your book would write that include details about the story. Diary entries should be at least 10 sentences each.

******Please note that ALL summer reading AR tests are due on the first Friday of school, August 21st. Any test taken after this date will result in the late policy rules.***