



Dear Parents,

We know that everyone is excited for summer and a much needed break. This year, our students read and evaluated several classic novels on each grade level and have done a great job to improve reading and writing comprehension. In an effort to help our students be prepared for the next school year, the administration and faculty have put great effort into choosing a book for summer reading that has academic, social, personal, and spiritual value. Because summer is a time of relaxation and renewal, we reserve our modern novels for summer, which tend to have a higher interest level and be an easier read for our students.

This summer, we would like to start a conversation about social media. It seems there is a disturbing trend in the Christian community to ignore the impact it is having on our culture, our lives, and on our children. We want all of our students at Hartfield to understand how their interaction with social media can affect their lives and the lives of the people around them. While social media is not inherently bad and can be used for good, our students need to be aware of the dangers social media poses and the consequences of ignoring those dangers.

That is why we have decided to assign the book *Free to Fall* by Lauren Miller as the summer reading for our high school students. While this book is not written from a Christian perspective and may contain a few words and situations that do not reflect a biblical worldview, we feel the story and potential lessons are what makes the book worth reading. Our desire is that this book will allow us to have sincere conversations with our students about social media's impact on their lives. For parents interested in learning more about the book, we recommend reviewing the link from Common Sense Media that is listed below.

We long to see the students at Hartfield grow in their understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ, so we want to tackle this issue in a straightforward and constructive way. Our hope is that they might discover how to make social media an avenue for redemption rather than destruction.

Sincerely,

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Bible Department Chair

<https://www.common sense media.org/book-reviews/free-to-fall>

Hartfield Academy Summer Reading List

7th – 12th grades

Summer reading provides students with opportunities to practice using reading skills during the summer months. It also helps students to be prepared for their upcoming classes.

As Hartfield Academy continues to make reading and writing a priority in the academic growth of our students, we are implementing a new strategy for both students and faculty. Students in grades 7th through 12th, as well as those faculty members instructing in those grade levels, will read the same novel as part of our new summer reading program. When school resumes, both students and teachers will implement comprehension and writing strategies geared to the specified book in all classes to promote cross-curricular learning. Below are listed the requirements for appropriate grade levels. **No assignments will be required until school has resumed.**

Students who will be advancing in classes will be required to read a second summer reading book. The required list is below. **No assignments will be given until school has resumed.**

Students entering 7th-8th grade:

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
<i>Backlash</i>	Sarah D Littman	9780545924146

Students entering 9th-12th grade:

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
<i>Free to Fall</i>	Lauren Miller	9780062199812

Students can purchase paperback copies or use e-books through personal devices, or they can be checked out through local library systems.

Advanced Courses:

Students taking Pre Comp I

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
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<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie	9780062073488

Students taking Pre Comp II

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austin	9781503290563

Students taking Comp I / II

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
<i>Picture of Dorian Gray</i>	Oscar Wilde	9788854150850

Students taking American Lit I/II

Title for Required Book	Author	ISBN#
<i>The Crucible</i>	Arthur Miller	9789578701977