Summer Reading and Required Work

This summer the students and teachers on the Uihlein Campus will be reading a book together. This all-school read, Outcasts United by Warren St. John, will enable us as a school to come together for a multi-grade book talk at the beginning of the school year. Having such a common experience unites us as a community and we look forward to it. Here is a synopsis for the novel:

Outcasts United ((ISBN: 978-0-385-522045) is the story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable woman coach and a small southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement. In the 1990s, that town, Clarkston, Georgia, became a resettlement center for refugees from war zones in Liberia, Congo, Sudan, Iraq and Afghanistan. The town also became home to Luma Mufleh, an American-educated Jordanian woman who founded a youth soccer team to help keep Clarkston’s boys off the streets. These boys named themselves the Fugees - short for refugees. Outcasts United follows a pivotal season in the life of the Fugees, their families and their charismatic coach as they struggle to build new lives in a fading town overwhelmed by change. Theirs is a story about resilience, the power of one person to make a difference and the daunting challenge of creating community in a place where people seem to have little in common.

In addition to reading Outcasts United, students will be required to read one other novel as required by their respective English teacher. Further, students planning to enroll in certain Advanced Placement (AP) Courses may have further required work to complete before the start of school. Such work is outlined below.

Grade 7

Select one of the following:

One Fat Summer (9780064470735)

Sniper ((9780152061531)
Grade 8
Select one of the following:

Ender's Shadow (9780765342409)
Speak (9780142407325)

Grade 9
World Literature I
The Lightening Thief (0786838655)

Grade 10
World Literature II
The Life of Pi (9780156027328)
Honors World Literature
The Life of Pi (9780156027328)

Grade 11
American Literature
White Noise (9780140274981)
Honors American Literature
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (0451163966)
AP Language and Composition
Narrative Life Frederick Douglass (9781593080419)

Grade 12
British Literature
Dracula (9780393970128)
Honors British Literature
Frankenstein (0486475824)
AP Literature and Composition
Dubliners (0679739904)

AP Music Theory
All prospective AP Music Theory students will be expected to have passed, with a minimum grade of 90 percent, units 1 through 14 of the music theory program available in the graphic arts lab. For those students who will not have access to the lab over the summer break, the music theory program is available in workbook form: "Alfred's Essentials of Music Theory."

AP Latin (Vergil)
The AP Vergil students will be reading the English translation of The Aeneid (ISBN: 0140449329) and will be creating note cards for each book of the poem, which will list characters and an outline of main events.
Advanced Placement European History
AP European History students should read the first three chapters (pages 1-133) of The History of Modern Europe by John Merriman. Students are expected to take extensive and careful notes on the reading and learn important terms and themes. These notes will be checked on the first day of school and you are required to be completed that day for continued enrollment in the class. These chapters will be reviewed during the first two weeks of school and will be the focus of our first unit test, which will be on the first day of class.

Advanced Placement Physics
The AP Physics students need to read CH 2-8 in the textbook - College Physics - Serway & Faughn 5th edition ISBN 003023798-X

Advanced Placement Biology
AP Biology Students are required to read chapters 22, 23 and 24 in the AP Biology book. You will be tested on these three chapters within the first few weeks of the fall semester.

AP Biology Text: The Unity and Diversity of Life (with CD-ROM and InfoTrac) by Cecie Starr, Ralph Taggart 10th edition ISBN: 0-534-38800-0

Advanced Placement United States History
Read: America, Past and Present: chapters 1-4