**Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,**

**La Salle *Reads***is an exciting program at La Salle Academy that highlights the commitment and importance of reading as part of a rigorous, college-bound, high school education.

Every summer**, each class of incoming freshmen, and rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are required to read a set of 4 books**, as outlined by the English Department. These separate, grade-specific reading lists are required reading, and must be completed by the first week of school; as are the single page summaries, one per book read. The mandatory reading lists, and the extra reading lists, are attached.

As part of the program, students who come back from Summer Vacation having read *TEN (10)* books or more, will be acknowledged with a certificate as a **La Salle *Reader*.** The books must be from the approved attached lists. Each book must be accompanied by a summary sheet (one per book) that must be typed and completed in the format attached to this memo. All **La Salle *Readers*** that have successfully reached this ten- book threshold AND have handed in their approved book summaries by September 8th, will be invited to a Presidential Luncheon at the end of September, co-hosted by the La Salle English Department. In addition, all **La Salle *Readers***will be awarded the gift of *NO BOOK FEE* for the academic year following that summer of reading.

In addition, the student that successfully reads the MOST books per grade will receive an additional stipend of $250 that will be taken off their tuition for the academic year. If there is a tie, the English Department Chair, Ms. Patricia Toney, who guides this program, will determine the grade-level winners based on the quality of the summaries.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia Toney, Chair of the English Department, at La Salle Academy. ptoney@lasalleacademy.org.

A copy of the La Salle Senior Summer Reading List may be found on the school website, at [http://www.lasalleacademy.org/.](http://www.lasalleacademy.org/)

Some of your books may also be downloaded from La Salle’s Academy Virtual Library website at <http://www.lasalleacademy.org/academics/la-salle-academy-virtual-library/>.

Sincerely,

The English Department

La Salle Academy