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Parents and students:

Welcome to Walnut Hills High School. The English department requires at least one book to be read at each grade level during the summer. It is not necessary for families to purchase a book, though you can, though library books are fine. Usually, there is a corresponding writing assignment as well.

This summer, the 7th grade requirement is to read Lois Lowry's novel THE GIVER. Though students only have to read the book, when school starts, teachers will assign a writing assignment or provide a test—or both on the book, in addition to classroom discussion and analysis.

Though there is no written assignment over the summer, it might be wise for students to take both summary (plot aspects, characters) and analytical (setting, writing style, climax) notes on the THE GIVER to help them remember it when they come to class.

Sincerely,

Brian Sweeney
English Department Chairperson