Hello, incoming Eighth Graders,

This year’s summer reading assignment, we are suggesting you read the book, Boy in The Striped Pajamas. This is a powerful novel with varied themes; one of the strongest of these is the development of a friendship between young two boys.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas was written by John Boyne. You can find a copy of this book on Amazon, at Barnes & Noble, at your local library, or online. This book takes place in 1942 during the Holocaust in Western Europe. The protagonist, a young boy named Bruno, and his family move for his father’s job. Bruno decides to explore his new home, and his discoveries lead to one of the most significant adventures of his life – so significant that he doesn’t even realize the weight of his discoveries.

This book is one you may choose; if you prefer, you may read a grade-level appropriate book. There will be a short, one-page assignment for you to complete.

We hope you have a nice summer, and, of course, let your mind drift into a good book.

Your Eighth Grade English Teachers
Mrs. Fitzgerald
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*Boy in the Striped Pajamas* or Other Novel One Pager

What is a One-Pager? It is a single-page response to your reading that connects the ideas in the book to your thoughts in a creative way. You will create your One-Pager so your audience will understand the big ideas, themes, or connections within the book you read. Include the following on your one pager:

- Title and author
- Selective 2 meaningful quotes from the book. Be sure to use quotation marks. Include the character’s name with the quote.
- List 4 major characters from the book.
- Write 2 meaningful, personal statements about the book.
- Write three meaningful questions about the book (NOT YES or NO questions).
- Draw or create 3 images that represent themes, characters, conflict, or setting in the book. It is important the visuals have a strong connection to the book.
- Write 1 theme and how it is developed throughout the novel.

- Double-check the checklist above to make sure you’ve included everything!

- **Use color.** Create your one-pager on an 8.5 x 11” sheet of printer or cardstock paper.

*This assignment can be turned in when you return to school.*