Summer Reading LWCS
Students Entering 9th or 10th Grade 2015.16

Students must read the following:
- 1 book from the 9th and 10th Grade Book List
- 1 book of your choice, fiction or nonfiction, which you have not previously read

**9th and 10th Grade Book List**

1. **Melissa Greene’s *There Is No Me Without You***
   Melissa Fay Greene puts a human face on the African AIDS crisis with this powerful story of one woman working to save her country’s children. After losing her husband and daughter, Haregewoin Teferra, an Ethiopian woman of modest means, opened her home to some of the children in Addis Ababa who have been left as orphans. *There Is No Me Without You* is the story of how Haregewoin transformed her home into an orphanage and day-care center and began facilitating adoptions to homes all over the world. At heart, it is a book about children and parents, wherever they may be, however they may find each other. This book was the winner of Elle magazine’s 2006 readers’ award in nonfiction.

2. **Ajak Deng Deng’s *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky***
   Benjamin, Alepho, and Benson were raised among the Dinka tribe of Sudan. Their world was an insulated, close-knit community of grass-roofed cottages, cattle herders, and tribal councils. All that changed the night the government–armed Murahilin began attacking their villages. Amid the chaos, screams, and gunfire, five-year-old Benson and seven-year-old Benjamin fled into the dark night. Two years later, Alepho, age seven, was forced to do the same. Across the Southern Sudan, over the next five years, thousands of other boys did likewise, joining this stream of child refugees that became known as the Lost Boys. Their journey would take them over one thousand miles. This is a captivating memoir of Sudan and a powerful portrait of war as seen through the eyes of children.

3. **Mirandette’s *The Only Road North: 9000 Miles of Dirt and Dreams***
   A dangerous trek across Africa, a life-and-death struggle, a call to live a life with no holds barred, deserts and jungles, rebels and missionaries, bullets and acts of bravery—these are all part of a young man's remarkable, true journey through thirteen African countries with his brother and two best friends. Beginning in Cape Town, Erik, his brother, and his two best friends covered 9,000 miles north by dirt bike, experiencing the poverty, beauty, and dangers of the African continent. *The Only Road North* takes readers to corners of the world and depths of the human heart they will never forget.

4. **Immaculee Ilibagiza’s *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust***
   Immaculee Ilibagiza grew up in a country she loved, surrounded by a family she cherished, but in 1994 her idyllic world was ripped apart as Rwanda descended into a bloody genocide that lasted three months and claimed the lives of nearly a million Rwandans. Incredibly, Immaculee survived the slaughter. For 91 days, she huddled silently in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor while hundreds of machete–wielding killers hunted for them. It was during those endless hours of unspeakable terror that Immaculee discovered the power of prayer. Her triumphant journey through the darkness of genocide will inspire anyone whose life has been touched by fear, suffering, and loss.