Books, I found, have the power to make time stand still, retreat, or fly into the future.
~Jim Bishop~

Dear Parents/Guardians:

An innovative summer reading program has been developed for incoming seventh and eighth grade students. The summer reading assignment is designed to inspire and motivate our students to become lifelong learners who love and appreciate literature.

All students in grade seven are required to read one novel on which they will be tested upon returning to school. Students must also complete the literary elements page which follows. Their reading teacher will also give a novel comprehension test Monday, September 9, 2019. The grade for this assignment will count as a test grade for the first marking period. Additionally, these assignments will be posted on our school’s website (www.erboe.net).

All incoming 7th grade students are required to read either:

_The Wave_ by Todd Strasser

OR

_Stargirl_ by Jerry Spinelli

The East Rutherford Memorial Public Library will have a copy of our reading list on file and the local bookstore (_Barnes and Noble_) will have copies to purchase. We recommend ordering books online for half the price. The following websites have the best prices: [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

We wish everyone a fun, safe, and happy summer. See you in September!

Sincerely,

The Faust School English Department
Summer Reading Assignment
Incoming 7th Grade Students

For your assigned novel, you will complete an in-class test upon your return. The test will consist of multiple choice, short answer and open-ended questions. This will count as a test grade for the first marking period. Please use the narrative elements below as a study guide to prepare for your test. The narrative elements will be collected and are mandatory. Please type or write your responses neatly.

Narrative Elements of the Novel

I) Characterization:

A. **Identify** and **list** five personality (NOT physical) traits for the main character; **support** each trait with one example from the novel. Also, indicate the **page number** where you found this example.

B. **Identify** and **list** five personality (NOT physical) traits for one other character; **support** each trait with one example from the novel. Also, indicate the **page number** where you found this example.

II) Setting: Identify the following elements of setting.

A. When? Time period
B. Where? Place

III) Plot:

A. Identify between five and ten of the **most important** events in the novel.

IV) Conflict:

A. Identify the **most significant** (main) conflict that affects the main character
B. Indicate whether this conflict is internal, external, or both. **Explain** why it is internal, external, or both.

V) Resolution:

A. In detail, **explain** how this main conflict is resolved.

VI) Theme:

A. In detail, **explain** the overall message that the author is trying to convey.