Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings! Summer is right around the corner, can you believe it? We wanted to fill you in about the expectations for your child’s summer reading assignments.

During the summer all students are expected to read at least 2 books. This year we are requiring that all students read Red Rising, by Pearce Brown, and complete an essay. The other book is student choice and students must complete a book report answering the assigned questions below. Boston Public Library has an excellent selection of high school reading materials and NHCS has also secured free online access to ebooks for all high school students this summer. (Please email rmedina@thenhcs.org or mrogachefsky@thenhcs.org if you need to obtain your username and pin number)

NHCS assigns summer work in efforts to thwart learning losses that may occur during the summer months; this loss is commonly referred to as “summer slide.” Therefore, as always, summer reading constitutes a significant portion of each student’s first quarter English Grade. You may handwrite, or more preferably, type your responses to the writing prompts. You will also be sent the assignments via your NHCS Tech Google Drive account. Students may choose to read additional books this summer and complete book reports. Students will receive extra credit towards their 1st quarter English grade for these additional books.

Thank you in advance for your support in assisting your child in completing their summer reading and writing requirements. We have worked diligently to ensure that students have a selection of engaging high interest books to choose from!

Best Regards,
NHCS ELA Team

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**Red Rising- Pearce Brown**

**Essay Prompt** Darrow makes strategic decisions regarding his relationship with the members of House Mars and the houses they conquer. Based on your reading of the novel, who do you think makes a better leader: someone who is loved or someone who is feared? Use evidence from Red Rising, in addition to any other texts, to support your response.

**Choice Book**

**Book Report Questions**
1. What was this book’s greatest strength and what was its most serious flaw?
2. Analyze one choice the character made in the story that impacted the plot. What choice did the character make? Why did he/she make it? What was the result of that choice?
3. What is one question that you would ask the author about this book? Why would you ask it?