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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

In an effort to serve our students' academic needs and provide them greater opportunities to maximize their potential for future success, Pinewood Christian Academy's Academic Committee has recommended that the school maintain a summer reading program. We believe that our students will become more scholastically competitive if they also read during the summer hiatus.

Of course, we know that students deserve a break from the rigors of the school year to participate in family vacations, take part in community athletic programs, and simply get some rest. Because we don't want to encroach on these activities unreasonably, only one novel is being assigned.

During the summer, students entering 8th grade are assigned to read [\*The Testing\*](#) by Joelle Charbonneau. Students should prepare for a class discussion on the main elements of the book (characters, setting, theme, etc.) and a novel test which will be given upon return to school. Students are required to obtain their own copy of the book, which is available at bookstores and online.

I anticipate an academically challenging but enjoyable experience for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading next year. Have a wonderful summer vacation!

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