

To Rising Juniors and Parents:

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

This summer, rising juniors will read ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee. I recommend [this version](#). The book, while not complicated in language, is rather long (323 pages) and will take some time to complete. It is a Pulitzer Prize winning story and an American classic--Atticus Finch being one of the most famous fictional characters in American literature. However, the book does deal with some heavy themes including race, assault, and death. If you have any concerns or would like to ask me any questions, please feel free to email me at kblaxton@pinewoodchristian.org.

Students are encouraged to read and spend time with the material. We will have quizzes, tests, writing assignments, and class discussions over the novel when we return to school. There will be no assignments to complete over the book during the summer.

I am looking forward to seeing your students in the fall and I hope you have a great summer!

Thank you,

Kasey Blaxton