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Dear Parents/Caregivers and ENSATS Students:

Now that summer is here, we want to talk about summer reading. It is the expectation that all Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School students, including incoming freshmen, are **required** to read **at least two books**.

**BOOK #1:** The first book is an open-choice book and can be fiction or nonfiction, but must be written for young adults or adults. Your English teacher next year will give students a Summer Reading Project for the open-choice title. Past projects have included book talks, Goodreads book reviews, and creative projects based on the books such as movie trailers, posters, music playlists, and more.

**BOOK #2:** The second book is assigned by grade level, and each title has been selected to align with the qualities of our Graduate Profile: *Collaborative, Culturally Proficient, Entrepreneurial, Kind, Persevering, and Responsible*.

- Incoming Grade 9 students will read *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... And Maybe the World* by Admiral William H. McRaven.
- Incoming Grade 10 students will read *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon.
- Incoming Grade 11 students will read *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore.
- Incoming Grade 12 students will read *Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad One* by James Clear.

These books may be purchased at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com), and in support of local businesses [bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org). When students return to school at the start of the next school year, each Pathways teacher in grades 10, 11, and 12 will give students a Summer Reading Project for the assigned title above. Students taking Advanced Placement English Language and Composition in Grade 11 or Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition in Grade 12 have been given a separate summer reading assignment. Still, all students, including those in these A.P. classes, will be expected to read their class reading list, aka Book #2, listed above.

Our goal for summer reading is to keep students reading throughout the summer. We look forward to these discussions when the new school year begins.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact me at [jspruance@essextech.net](mailto:jspruance@essextech.net).

Thank you,

Joel Spruance

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joel Spruance'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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