Dear Parent/Guardian:

English 4 CP students at Ninety Six High School will be required to read one novel over the summer. When deciding upon the title for the summer reading, the goal was to provide a reading experience that would be challenging, interesting, and relevant to students. Summer reading helps students maintain and improve their reading skills, which are important to student success in high school, as well as exposing them to new ideas to give them a broader view of the world around them. Students will have a graded assignment for the novel as decided by the English Department. The summer reading assignment is due when students return to school on July 22, 2026. The novel will also be discussed in class as part of the English curriculum.

To keep you informed, the book does have some mature content and/or language. The book has been read by multiple people in the school; we all believe it is appropriate for our students to read independently and know that students will enjoy them. As is with the case of any summer reading book, we encourage parents to read the book along with their child as reading together always brings forth good discussion topics to help the student navigate through the material.

The good news for parents and students is that the school is willing to help order the book for summer reading. While most books cost anywhere from $6 to $15 online, the school is willing to order the book for students who pay ***$5 to the school by March 16***. This is a hard deadline, as we want to make sure that the book arrives at the school before the end of the school year. Money can be paid to the front office, and we will make sure the book is ordered. If students and/or parents choose not to order the books through the school and pay by March 20th, they will be responsible for finding and securing the books on their own, and the reading and assignments will still have to be completed by the due dates.

Thank you for helping to ensure your child's success in their English class next year by supporting our summer reading program. The book chosen for English 4 CP students to read this summer is:

*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Again, if you would like to order the novel through the school, bring $5 to the front office by March 20th, and we will return the novels to you by the last day of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (864)543-2911 or email me at fsprowl@greenwood52.org

Sincerely,

Fitz Sprowl, Principal

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