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GOVERNOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022 TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Research indicates that the only way students become better readers is by reading. In order to instill a love of reading in our students, we need to encourage our students to read all year long, and summer is an important time for them to read for enjoyment. Reading can fill your adolescent's days with the love of stories and the fascination of factual reading. Therefore, this summer we will offer Shelton's Summer Reading Program.

Students entering Grade 12 will be reading by [Tuesdays with Morrie](#) by Mitch Albom. Please refer to the Summer Reading Letter from the Grade 12 English teachers to access the link to the online version of the book. During the first week of school, students will be required to write an essay specifically related to the text for a quiz grade. While students must read the selected mandated text, we encourage students to read additional books for pleasure over the summer months.

The success of this program depends heavily upon your support as parents and guardians. Our shared commitment will help your students to become critical readers and thinkers while developing a life-long love of reading.

Best Regards,

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June 1, 2023

Dear Incoming 12th Grader:

Welcome to senior year!

Our first assignment as a class is summer reading. Our selection for this year is the moving memoir of Dr. Morrie Schwartz, *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. You may request a book from your teacher or use this link to access the work.

http://pustaka.unp.ac.id/file/abstrak_kki/EBOOKS/tuesdays%20with%20morrie.pdf

Some books take the world by storm; in 1997 *Tuesdays with Morrie* was one of those biographies. Simple yet profound, the work asks the difficult questions about what makes life truly worthwhile. More than 20 years later, the work is as moving and relatable as it was at its publication.

Specifically, Morrie learns that he has ALS, a crippling disease that attacks the muscular system. His former student, Mitch Albom, a sports reporter for the Detroit Free Press and ESPN, sees his former professor doing an interview on *Nightline* and is compelled to reconnect with the teacher who had been so important to him. Upon reuniting, Morrie begins a heartfelt conversation about what is important in life. Thus, the long lost relationship reconvenes almost immediately between professor and student. Concurrently, we, the readers, are invited to assess where we stand in our own lives as we attend “class” each Tuesday.

When you return to school in August, you will complete an assessment on the work. As you enter your final year of high school, we ask you not only to read *Tuesdays with Morrie* but also to ask yourself what you find most important in your own life and why.

Have a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Grade 12 English Teachers