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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 receiving a copy of Ayn Rand’s *Anthem* to read. **During the first week of school, they will be required to write an essay focusing specifically on the book for a quiz grade.** While students in grade 12 must read the selected mandatory text, they also may choose to read additional texts from the 9 and 10 mandatory book list, which can be downloaded from the Shelton Public Schools website at [www.sheltonpublicschools.org](http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org)

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.

Sincerely,

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