

Class of 2012 Summer Reading List

The ***Last Lecture*** by Randy Paush is your summer reading book. The work attached to this novel is not difficult, but it is designed to make you think. Please make sure you have the book completed by the beginning of the new school year. Having this book read will benefit you greatly, because we will be using it in class for the first few weeks of school.

Requirement for *The Last Lecture*

1. Vocabulary: List ten words you learned from your reading. Define each according to the context of the sentence and write the sentence in which you found it and the page that sentence was on. Put the vocabulary in a notebook and you will continue to use that same notebook for literature for your 8th grade year.
2. The second part of the assignment is a thinking one as well as a written one. You are to rewrite or type the questions then answer them as completely and thoroughly as you possibly can.
 1. What did you learn from this novel about life?
 2. How will you apply what you have learned and use it to make your eighth grade year as rewarding as possible. Make sure you have detailed answers to these two questions, because we will be discussing this topic in detail the first few days of school. (You will receive a grade for your class participation in discussion as well as for your written work).
3. Pick one story that Randy Pausch tells in this novel and write a one page essay about why that particular story has significance for you. Then explain why and how it may help you in the future.

The deadline for this assignment is Thursday, August 25, 2011.

Grades for these assignments will be for both English and Literature. You are expected to incorporate all that you have learned throughout the years into these assignments. Vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar, spelling, handwriting, and clarity of expression are all components that will be evaluated. If you do your best work, it will be a great start for what is bond to be a great year!!!!

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GRADE EIGHT PAGE, SUMMER READING LINK.**