**English III-College Prep**

**Community Read**: ***The Good Thief***  **by Hannah Tinti.**

**Assignment #1:**  The Community One Read this summer is ***The Good Thief by Hannah Tinti.*** Please see the Fenwick website for information about the One Read book and the Reflection Project instructions.  The summer reflection project assignment will be graded and will count as a first quarter religion grade.

**Assignment** **#2:** In addition to the community read, each student needs to read ONE book from the list below. Each department recommended books for students, so there are a variety of books to choose from. Students will be assessed on their book choice in English class and it will count as a quiz for the first quarter in English

***Station*** ***11*** ***by*** ***Emil*** ***St.*** ***John*** ***Mandel***

Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of King Lear. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilization as we know it came to an end. And as the story takes off, moving back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed.

***The*** ***Martian*** ***by*** ***Andy*** ***Weir***

In 2035, the crew of a mission to Mars is forced to suddenly evacuate the surface of the planet due to a violent storm. In the melee of their departure, one crew member, a botanist and engineer, is left behind when the crew mistakenly believes him killed. How will he survive? Will NASA realize that he isn’t dead? Will they be able to rescue him? Was Matt Damon the right actor to play the lead role in the movie? Read the novel to find out.

***Welcome*** ***to*** ***the*** ***Dark*** ***House*** ***by*** ***Laurie*** ***Faria*** ***Stolarz***

What haunts your dreams? In this novel, seven essay contest winners who answered that question in their writing have won a trip to see the making of a famous horror director’s latest film project. However, all is not as it seems. Their hostess looks just like a famous serial killer. The dream-stealing Nightmare Elf is lurking, and people keep going missing.

***Resisting*** ***Happiness*** **by** **Matthew** **Kelly**

Are you happy? It may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing that we could be happier—maybe even a lot happier. Resisting Happiness is a deeply personal, disarmingly transparent look at why we sabotage our own happiness and what we can do about it. Every single moment is a chance to turn it all around.

***Steve*** ***Jobs*** **by** **Walter** **Isaacson** **(non-fiction)**

Was Steve Jobs a great man or a flawed ego maniac? Was he a giant of the computer industry or just someone who focused on the design of his company’s technology? Was he a man to be admired or an object lesson I the dangers of tunnel-vision? Or maybe, just maybe, was he a little bit of all these things? Read this excellent biography by a former editor of TIME MAGAZINE, and then decide for yourself.

***Flags*** ***of*** ***Our*** ***Fathers*** **by** **James** **Bradley.**

In February 1945, American Marines plunged into the surf at Iwo Jima—and into history. Through a hail of machine-gun and mortar fire that left the beaches strewn with comrades, they battled to the island’s highest peak. And after climbing through a landscape of hell itself, they raised a flag.

***102*** ***Minutes*** **by** **Jim** **Dwyer:**

On September 11th, 2001, how much time elapsed between the impact of the first hijacked airliner on the World Trade Center and the collapse of both buildings? The answer is in the title. Within the pages a reader will also learn about the struggle for survival that went on during that dark day in American history.

**Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult**

Jodi Picoult’s *Small Great Things* is about racism, choice, fear and hope. The novel is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father requested that no African-American nurses tend to his baby. In the fictional version, Ruth, the African-American nurse in question, finds herself on trial for evens elated to the same request made by a white supremacist father. Using the narratives of Ruth, the baby’s father, and the female public defender who takes Ruth’s case, Picoult examines the multiple facets of racism.

**One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus.**

Pay close attention and you might solve this.

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention.

Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule.

Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess.

Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing.

Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher.

And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High’s notorious gossip app.

Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn’t an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he’d planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who’s still on the loose?

Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.

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