



Conwell-Egan Reads Together Summer Reading Program Information Summer 2022

All CEC students are required to participate in the Summer Reading Program. **ALL** students entering Grades 9-12 are expected to read the book named below by the first day of school.

This year we are engaging in a *One Book, One School* initiative to enrich our students' understanding of issues which are universal to the human experience. The book we have selected for the Summer of 2022 is *The Sunflower*, by Simon Wiesenthal. This book explores the possibilities and limits of forgiveness. This book is held in high regard by educators, theologians, political leaders, writers, social scientists, and human rights activists. It challenges each reader to think about and define his/her own beliefs about justice, compassion, and human responsibility. It is our hope to explore the theme of forgiveness throughout the academic year, making connections to the complexity of the concept as it pertains to each of the content areas.

An academic culture which values compassion and intellect is strengthened when an entire school reads the same book. Reading a book together builds a sense of community among students, teachers, and staff – and beyond.

Please note: **ALL** students will be asked to submit a written reflection of the book during the first quarter of the school year, so it is imperative that the reading is completed by the time school begins. There will be multiple formal and informal activities conducted for ALL students, designed to both enhance the reading experience and assess student learning associated with this book.

****Students may be asked to complete additional summer reading for specific subjects, including but not limited to students taking Advanced Placement courses.***

If you have any questions regarding summer reading,
please email the English Department Chair, Kristen Kraunelis: kkraunelis@conwell-egan.org

