

Dear Incoming Junior Class,

Your summer reading assignment is C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*. This novel is written in an epistolary style, containing a series of 31 letters between a demon (Screwtape) and a demon-in-training (Wormwood). Lewis uses this format to point out man's struggles that are very common to the Christian faith. This unique book is worthy of pondering. I would even go so far as to suggest that you take 31 days in the summer and read a letter a day. The month of **July**, with its 31 days, would be a perfect time to implement this plan. ☺ **Read and annotate the entire book. After each letter, write a summary explaining the aspect of human nature or sin that Lewis highlights, along with the specific instructions or advice Screwtape gives Wormwood for leading the 'Patient' away from Christianity and toward sin. Your summary can be as brief as 2-3 sentences.**

We will begin the year with an assessment for summer reading that will count as a major grade. This assessment will be in the form of a paper test. You will want to have thoroughly read this novel. Annotations should include at least 1 marginal note every 2-3 pages and one summary at the end of each letter. You will receive an annotation grade, so **be certain to bring your novel to the first day of class.** A marginal note is NOT a one-word response such as "wow", "weird," "cool," or the like. I want to see thoughtful questions, connections, or characterization comments, etc. as marginal notes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me this summer. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Love,

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