



**9th Grade GT English
Summer Reading Assignment**

Future Chargers:

Let me be one of the first to welcome you to what will be a fantastic high school experience. You will love WCHS and being a Charger!

Your summer reading assignment for 2009 is The Chosen by Chaim Potok. You will need to pay special attention to the following things within the text of the novel.

How do we create our identities?

How do we define ourselves?

Why is achieving an identity important to one's life?

Is it possible for a society to assume an individual has a certain identity, but this is a false identity? Examples?

How important are ideas in shaping our everyday lives?

What types of ideas are the most influential—religious, political, social?

To what extent should parents try to shape the beliefs of their children?

You also need to keep these themes in mind as you read:

Friendships

Parenting (Fathers)

Silence

Scholarship

Religion

You are responsible for making notes in your book each time you encounter any of the above themes or questions. Be prepared with these notes for discussion and a test the first week of school.

Have a fantastic summer! I look forward to meeting all of you in August!

Mrs. Robison

9th Grade GT/Pre-AP English

