## 10th Grade (2022-2023) CP English Summer Reading

Dear Parents and Students,

Developing the habit of reading is important for numerous reasons. Students who commit to reading score much higher on college entrance exams than those who do not. A habit of regular reading also directly informs students' writing abilities and vocabulary acquisition in positive ways. Due to brain research, we also know that reading comprehension requires practice; much in the same way that musical instruments do. In short, the more we read, the better readers we become. Therefore, it is not surprising that when students read engaging, accessible texts during the summer, they are better prepared to study difficult classics —with the guidance of classroom teachers — during the school year. Educational research confirms that reading is a core skill and that students who read usually excel in all areas of study. Trinity wants its students to prepare themselves for the upcoming school year and maintain their skills in reading, thinking, and vocabulary.

Students are asked to read the novel *Ground Zero: A Novel of 9/11* by New York Times bestselling author Alan Gratz (Amazon).

Students will need to complete the attached Google Slides activity to be turned in the first week of school. Students will be using the product of this activity in class for our first writing assignment. Students will also be given a test on the novel the first week of class.

Summer Reading Link to Google Slides for **Ground** Zero by Alan Gratz:

Summer reading link Ground Zero