



## EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR

Junior-Senior High School

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Dear Families of Incoming 7th Graders,

Welcome to Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School! We are so excited to welcome your child to 7th grade this fall and begin this new chapter together. To help students stay engaged in reading over the summer and to kick off the school year with a shared experience, all incoming 7th graders are required to complete a summer reading project. This year's selected novel is *Restart* by Gordon Korman.

*Restart* tells the story of Chase Ambrose, a middle school student who wakes up after an accident with no memory of his past. As Chase begins to piece together who he was, he discovers that he may not have been the kindest person before the accident. The novel explores themes of identity, change, and what it truly means to be a good person, making it a great starting point for thoughtful discussions in 7th grade.

At 6th Grade Orientation on May 21st, students received a copy of the book along with detailed instructions for their summer reading assignment. It is important that students complete the entire book before the first day of school on September 1st, 2026, as we will begin working with the text right away in Advisory class. To make summer reading more fun and interactive, students were also given a Summer Reading BINGO Card. They are encouraged to complete as many squares as possible over the summer. Students who bring their completed BINGO card on the first day of school will receive raffle tickets for a chance to win a prize.

We also invite students to take their book on an adventure this summer! Will it go to the beach, on vacation, camping, or somewhere unexpected? The one **required** activity is for students to take a photo of their book in an adventurous or meaningful location and upload it to our Padlet. This is a fun way for students to share their summer experiences and see where their classmates' reading journeys take them.

We appreciate your support in helping your child stay on track with this assignment. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to an exciting and successful school year!

Sincerely,

The 7th Grade Team

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