



**Oakwood Christian Academy Summer Reading 2021  
Students ENTERING 7th Grade**

**NEW CHANGE:** Students are required to read **ONE** book over the summer. We will **NOT** be doing book reports this summer, **but the students do need to record the time they spend reading the required book on their reading logs.** Reading Logs should be brought to class on the first day of school.

**Book Required: *The Running Dream* (by Wendelin Van Draanen)**

- **Print off the reading log--document the date, minutes spent reading, & pages read.**
- Please come to class next fall ready to discuss this book.
- We will be taking a test over this book the second week of school.
- Being able to answer truthfully that you have completely read this novel during the 2021 summer break and submitting your reading log is 20% of your test grade.

***Introducing The Running Dream. . .***

Can you imagine waking up to the realization that your leg has been amputated? What would be your reaction? What would be the hardest part of your recovery? What would you miss doing the most?

In this fictional story, Jessica, our main character, wakes up to this exact scenario. To make matters worse, Jessica's passion is running. She loses her leg during a bus accident on the way home from a meet where she has just broken the league's record. Come and read about how Jessica, with the help of her teammates, finds her new normal after her life-altering accident.

**Discussion topics:**

As You read this book, think about. . .

- How do you treat people with disabilities?
- How do you help a friend who is going through a difficult situation?
- How do you overcome difficult circumstances?
- How do you achieve your goals?

I hope you enjoy this story; I know I did. Please come to class ready to discuss this book.

**Don't forget to print off the reading log and record your progress as you go.**

If you have questions, please email Miss Kowalcyk at [lisakowalcyk@oca.oakwoodbc.org](mailto:lisakowalcyk@oca.oakwoodbc.org)

