Date: July 13, 2026

To: AP Language and Composition students 2026-27
From: Mrs. Clapsaddle
Cc: Robin Smith, Principal
Re: summer reading

I do hope this letter finds all of you enjoying your summer. I am sending the summer reading assignment so that you can each decide the best time to read between now and the first day of school on September 8th.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald has been the reading choice of past AP teachers at Blanchet Catholic School; this is why I chose this book. It is the perfect "jump start" to sharpening your critical analysis skills through the study of an American class. The novel is not long, but it is challenging. The pace is fast, the vocabulary is elevated and sophisticated (access your dictionary as needed), and the structure is different because it was penned in the Modern era of American literature. The literary elements will be our focus as well as your individual personal interaction with the novel through the dialectical journal.

The hard copy is available to pick up in the school office (be sure to check summer office hours before going to get), through your public library, on Amazon Kindle, on Audible, or on Planet eBook. Project Gutenberg also has it. Because there are various ways to access the book, I trust there will be no issue with completing the summer reading.

As far as how you will be evaluated when we return to school, you will be graded on your dialectical journal, in-class writings, and an exam. I will attach the dialectical journey instructions with this letter.

I look forward to a productive year ahead.

Blessings,
Mrs. Clapsaddle, English teacher