

# 2011 Summer Reading

## for Chesnee High School



Dear Parents and Students,

Chesnee High School encourages all students to continue their academic pursuits over the summer break. We believe that continuous reading and writing builds vocabulary, enhances critical thinking, and develops the skills necessary for success in academics and careers. It is proven that students who read on a regular basis score higher on standardized testing which includes End-of Course tests, HSAP, SAT, and ACT. We encourage and challenge all students to participate in this year's summer reading program.

This summer reading program encourages students to read at least one book from the list of the 2011-2012 SC Young Adult Book Award nominees. After reading one of these books, the student must then complete a book review. There is a template for the book review on our school website. The book review can be turned in to homeroom teachers on the first day of school. Students who complete a book with a review will receive a pizza party as a reward at the beginning of the school year. This is not a required assignment, but students are encouraged to participate and take advantage of the opportunity to improve their academic performance.

Students are also encouraged to take part in the Teen Summer Reading program at the Chesnee Public Library. In their program, students earn points by reading and attending teen events. Each hour of reading is worth one point. When students earn 10 points they receive a free t-shirt, a \$5 gift card to Brewster's Ice Cream, and are entered into a drawing to win an iPad or an Xbox 360. If you read one of the books for the CHS program, why not participate in the public library program so you can be rewarded by them too? Please contact the Chesnee Public Library for a list of summer teen events and more information about their program.

The following books are this year's SC Young Adult Book Award nominees and the books that you may choose from to participate in the Chesnee High School Summer Reading program:

- *Angry Management* by Chris Crutcher
- *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver
- *Brutal* by Michael Harmon
- *The Chosen One* by Carol Lynch Williams
- *Diary of a Witness* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- *Dirty Little Secrets* by C.J. Omololu
- *Ghosts of War* by Ryan Smithson
- *Girl in the Arena* by Lise Haines
- *Gray Baby* by Scott Loring Sanders
- *Hate List* by Jennifer Brown
- *Hold Still* by Nina LaCour
- *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder* by Julie Halpern
- *King of the Screwups* by K.L. Going
- *Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Muchacho* by LouAnne Johnson
- *Once a Witch* by Carolyn MacCullough
- *Purple Heart* by Patricia McCormick
- *Rock N' Roll Soldier* by Dean Ellis Kohler
- *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater
- *Unsigned Hype* by Booker T. Mattison



### 2011 - 2012 SC Young Adult Book Award Nominees



