Summer 2025

Hello, lovely Seniors,

Greetings and salutations! I hope you are finding your summer break refreshing and full of adventure. In moments of leisure this summer, you will find yourself reading *Total Truth* by Nancy Pearcey. Reading the introduction is essential! She introduces the framework of her entire project.

If you want to read something purely pleasurable *Leave it to Psmith* by P.G. Wodehouse or *Strong Poison* by Dorothy Sayers would fit the bill. If you are interested in more challenging reads, then *A Concise History of the 20th Century* by Martin Gilbert, *Henry IV* by William Shakespeare, or *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman would be fitting suggestions. If you want to pre-read something for the year: *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, *That Hideous Strength* by C.S. Lewis, or *The Temple* by George Herbert would be my suggestions. They demand multiple readings!

Perhaps you are not planning to read forty books this summer… I have recently discovered a book about literature that changed the way I think about the world. If you like reading and want a theological defense of it (or if you wished you liked reading and could use some supportive logos), I recommend: *Lit!* by Tony Reinke (there is even a pdf online of it).

Day One: We will pick up with *Total Truth.* Be collecting vocabulary along the way to prepare to discuss her ideas. Pearcey is making an argument. Even if you get lost in the evidence, be following her argument. This is a demanding read, so be actively reading it.

Do you have a summer Bible reading plan? I am planning to read the New Testament and do a deep dive into: Luke. It would be enjoyably to have a common lens coming into the school year.

Summer musts:
1) Ride a bike.
2) Eat buttered toast.
3) Laugh so hard you cry.
4) Write a poem.
5) Taste a new food.
6) Drive with the windows down.
7) Do the dishes.

May this summer inspire, challenge, convict, and encourage you until we meet again!

Grace and Peace,
Miss Hartke

Post Script- There are some books that I am planning to provide for you, but if you would like to have your own annotatable copies you may choose to purchase them. I have indicated which are optional purchases on the Curriculum List available online.