

June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

McQuaid is offering a Summer Seminar for rising sophomore English students. The purpose is to give students who have previously struggled in English a head start on the basics in the curriculum, while creating a solid foundation of skills required for the up-coming year, such as annotating, pacing, analyzing text, and writing paragraphs.

Based on teacher recommendations and/or past performance in English, your son has been identified as a student who would benefit from this opportunity. Students who attend these sessions will have a strengthened understanding of the skills that are required to undertake the many novels they will read in English this coming year and the expository writing that accompanies them. Additionally, they will complete the first half of the required summer reading novel in a structured and supportive environment.

DATES/TIMES: August 18 (Monday) - August 22 (Friday) 9-11 a.m.

LOCATION: McQuaid Jesuit Campus. Report to the main entrance (door #1)

INSTRUCTOR: Mrs. Tracey Bors (English Teacher)

MATERIALS: PLEASE **BRING:** Single subject notebook

Pen

Pencil

Mandatory Summer Novel – *The Lord of the Flies*

DRESS CODE: Casual T-shirt, shorts, sneakers (NO sleeveless shirts, sandals, or flip flops)

ATTENDANCE: The expectation is that your son will attend each day; regular attendance is essential to his success in the program.

COST: \$175 - Financial assistance is available for qualifying families. Contact Mr. Daniel Hershel (dhershel@mcquaid.org; 585-256-6155) to inquire.

REGISTRATION: <https://mcquaid.org/sophomore-english-seminar/>