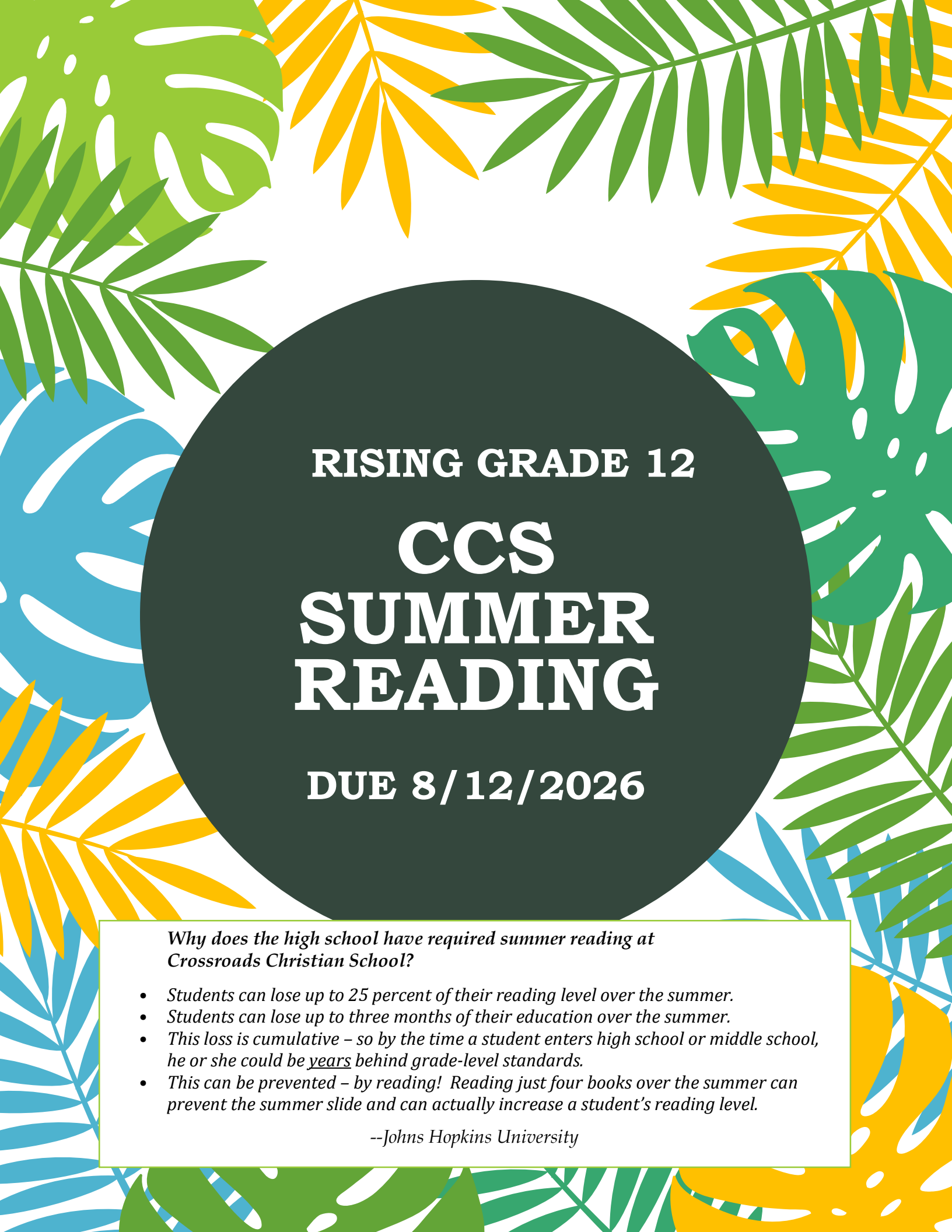


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RIISING GRADE 12

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SUMMER

READING

DUE 8/12/2026

Why does the high school have required summer reading at Crossroads Christian School?

- *Students can lose up to 25 percent of their reading level over the summer.*
- *Students can lose up to three months of their education over the summer.*
- *This loss is cumulative – so by the time a student enters high school or middle school, he or she could be years behind grade-level standards.*
- *This can be prevented – by reading! Reading just four books over the summer can prevent the summer slide and can actually increase a student's reading level.*

--Johns Hopkins University

2026-2027 ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- There are **two** parts to your summer reading: **1 - read the assigned book as listed below and 2 - complete the book review.**
- Go to www.tinyurl.com/12SUM2026 to find the book review.
- **Be sure you listen to the audio instructions located on the review before you begin reading.**
- The book review is digitally time-stamped and must be received by **August 12 at 11:59 PM**. Remember – the book review is your proof to me that you have read and considered the text. Be thorough and specific.
- Standard grammatical conventions (proper spelling, proper capitalization, etc) are expected. Your review will be graded accordingly.
- You may elect to read an additional book from the list below and complete a review for extra credit. You will need to contact me for a link to an extra credit review.
- The assignment should be completed on a desktop or laptop. The application is not mobile-friendly and may not work properly on a mobile device. This includes tablets running a mobile OS as well as smartphones.



Mrs. Stephanie W. Smith, HS English

GRADE 12 – British Literature

REQUIRED READING CP – *The Screwtape Letters* – CS Lewis

REQUIRED READING HONORS – *All the Light We Cannot See* – Anthony Doerr

EXTRA CREDIT OPTIONS

Wuthering Heights – Emily Brontë

Brave New World – Aldous Huxley

The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

Doctor Zhivago – Boris Pasternak

Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime – Mark Haddon

The Life of Pi – Yann Martel

All works on this list are accepted college preparatory books; as such, some material may not be suitable for all students and may not reflect the spiritual standards of your home.

Please be wise when choosing your text!