



CANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of Incoming 7th and 8th Graders:

Each summer we ask all of our students and faculty to enjoy a book together in our annual Community Read. (We invite parents to participate as well.) This year we have selected *Every Soul A Star* by Wendy Mass. This is a highly readable, engaging and thought provoking story. This novel brings together three adolescents and their families to witness a total solar eclipse. Using alternating first-person narrative, the author weaves together the story of these teens' personal connection to the celestial event while they confront issues of belonging and coming of age. Cleverly incorporating astronomy facts, the author exposes the reader to science while connecting them to the wonder of the universe. We will use the book for discussion and some activities in the early fall.

The book will be available in the town library in multiple copies for students to borrow over the summer. We are also offering the book for sale at \$5.00 a copy through the school. If you would like to purchase a copy for your child, please complete the form below and ask your child to give it to his/her homeroom teacher (grade 6) or his/her advisor (grade 7).

All students entering grade 7 and 8 are expected to read *Every Soul A Star*. Students are encouraged to read a good deal more as there is no better activity that impacts learning positively. All students are required to read at least one additional book of their own choosing. Students entering English Honors are required to read two additional books. A suggested summer reading list will be distributed to all students. Students should keep a list of the titles of the books that they actually read.

Please contact the Middle School office (693-7712, jscheideler@cantonschools.org) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued help and support. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Scheideler
Principal

Please detach and return

Canton Middle School – Summer Community Read

_____ I would like to purchase a copy of *Every Soul A Star* for \$5.00.

Name _____ Homeroom Teacher _____ (Grade 6)

Advisor _____ (Grade 7)

Make checks payable to Canton Middle School.