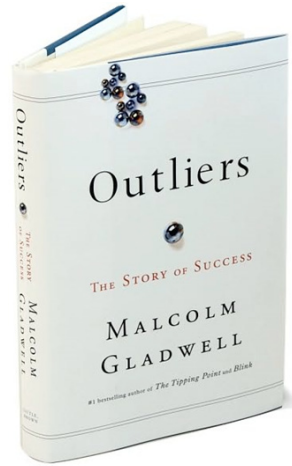


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SUMMER READING 2016

Freshmen through Seniors will be united this summer as they come together as a high school community to read the nonfiction text, *The Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell.



WHAT IS AN OUTLIER?

“Outlier is a scientific term to describe things or phenomena that lie outside the normal experience. In the summer, in Paris, we expect more days to be somewhere between warm and very hot. But imagine if you had a day in the middle of August where the temperature fell below freezing. That day would be an outlier. And while we have a very good understanding of why summer days in Paris are warm or hot, we know a good deal less about why a summer day in Paris might be freezing cold. In this book I’m interested in people who are outliers---in men and women who, for one reason or another, are so accomplished and so extraordinary and so outside of ordinary experience that they are as puzzling to the rest of us as a cold day in August.”

~Malcolm Gladwell

A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE NOVEL

“...Malcolm Gladwell poses a...provocative question in *Outliers*: why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential? Challenging our cherished belief of the ‘self-made man,’ he makes the democratic assertion that superstars don’t arise out of nowhere, propelled by genius and talent: ‘They are invariably the beneficiaries of hidden advantages and extraordinary opportunities and cultural legacies that allow them to learn and work hard and make sense of the world in ways others cannot.’ Examining the lives of outliers from Mozart to Bill Gates, he builds a convincing case for how successful people rise on a tide of advantages, ‘some deserved, some not, some earned, some just plain lucky.’ ”

~Mari Malcolm

PLEASE NOTE:

Students can expect all teachers to address the book in some fashion in September, be it in written or oral form.