Dear Parents and/or guardian(s),

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to be part of the BVMS Galley Book Club. Our library has been chosen as one of twenty library groups across the country to be a part of a teen book club in conjunction with the Johnson County Library and YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association.) Students participating in the book club will be asked to read galley copies of books (books that have not yet been published), engage in monthly discussions, provide well thought out reviews, and submit these reviews online independently. After submitting their reviews, students will be able to keep the galley copy for their own personal use.

Our book club, along with the other nineteen national groups, will nominate books that will become part of the YALSA Teen Top Ten Titles for the year. This is a huge opportunity for students to read pre-published books and have a chance to see their input be part of the publishing process. Two students in past book clubs have had their reviews printed on the back of the books and publishers have changed design covers based on reviews and recommendations.

Month book club meetings will take place in the library during lunchtime with Mr. Hume and Ms. Peggy Hendershot from the Stanley branch of the Johnson County Library facilitating the discussion. Students will be given a choice as to what book they would like to read and review. Popular books that have been reviewed in the past as part of this program include:

- *Naturals* by Jennifer Smith
- *Bane Chronicles* by Cassandra Clare
- *A Death-Struck Year* by Makiia Lucier
- *Grasshopper Jungle* by Andrew Smith
- *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater
- *The Kill Order* by James Dashner
- *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu

The galley copies that are sent by publishers to be reviewed have not been pre-read or reviewed prior to the students selecting them. They will be books that are categorized as teen/young adult books, however, they may contain mature language/content, violence, or other controversial material. If a student feels
uncomfortable at any point while reading one of these books, he/she is welcome to return it and exchange it for a different one. You are also welcome to pre-read any of your child’s choices and/or exchange it if you do not approve of the content.

As a participant of the Galley Book Club, you will be able to earn community service hours for your time spent reading (2 hours for each book read), attending the lunches (.5 hours for each lunch meeting), and writing reviews (.5 hours for each written review). This would be a total of 3 hours earned for every book completed.

The first scheduled Galley Book Club lunch meeting will be Tuesday, September 18th in the library. The remaining meeting dates are Oct. 16, Nov. 27, Dec. 18, Jan 15, Feb 12, March 26, April 23 and May 14.

To join the Galley Book Club REMIND group, please go to: https://remind.com/join/d2hba4

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this exciting opportunity. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at wehume@bluevalleyk12.org or at (913) 239-5120

Sincerely,
Bill Hume
BVMS Library Media Specialist

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By Signing and returning this form, you give your child permission to participate in the BVMS Book Club and read pre-published books. Please return this portion to the BVMS staff ASAP and please join the remind group.

Parent Name (Printed)_____________________________________________________________

Parent Signature ___________________________________________________________________

Student Name (Printed)_____________________________________________________________

Student Cell Phone _______________________________________________________________

Student’s ELA Teacher_____________________________________________________________

Student’s Grade Level_____________________________________________________________