

## LIFE'S A BEACH

Doesn't everyone love the beach?



### THE LAND OF PIZZA AND PASTA

Ellie Ruple (12) visited Sorrento, Italy this summer with her family. "It was a super great experience and it was really pretty," Ruple commented when asked about the experience.  
*photo donated by ellie ruple*



### ISLAND DAYS, ISLAND WAYS

Ethan Bodner (9) was in Maui, Hawaii with his family over the summer holidays, and stayed close to the beach. "The sunsets were like nothing else, so different than others I have seen," Bodner said of the colors he saw each evening.  
*photo donated by ethan bodner*

### SEASIDE SUNSETS

Summer Patterson (12) and Brady Hannon (12) went to Lake McConaughy in Nebraska this summer with some of their friends. "McConaughy was an amazing trip. The stars were amazing at night and it was so fun to be out in the lake all day. The best part was being with all of my closest friends. They made the third degree sunburn on my back and chest worth it!" said Patterson.  
*photo donated by summer patterson*



### NEW YEAR, NEW CAR, NEW ME

Jeshua Torres (12) standing next to his best friend Davis Hills' (12) car during a sunset in the summer. "I went out driving a lot with my new car and spent a lot of time with my friends," shared Hill.  
*photo donated by davis hill*



### COFFEE, MOUNTAINS, ADVENTURE

Lucia Bona (12) stood in front a waterfall with her friends, Gabby Seeger (12), and Riley Shea (12), on their trip to Ecuador and Panama with other CHS students. "In Quito there were so many cute dogs and we all loved petting them," said Bona.  
*photo donated by lucia bona*



### SKY-HIGH VIEWS

Jesse Applegate (10) took a trip to Costa Rica with their eighth grade Spanish class from Meadowlark. The trip, unfortunately, was delayed a year later than planned due to Covid-19.  
*photo donated by jesse applegate*

### UNBE-LEAF-ABLE

Noah Klein (11) visited a bunch of his friends in Vancouver, British Columbia with his dad this past summer. Standing atop Mount Victoria he snapped a photo. "The view from the mountains was really beautiful, it was a fun trip," Klein explained when asked about the scenery.  
*photo donated by noah klein*

so many

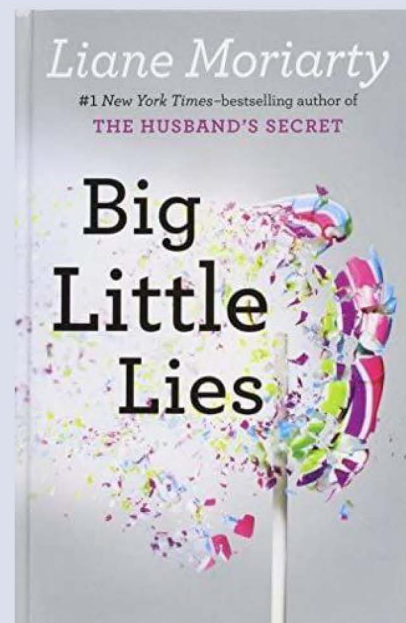
From oceans to jungles to staying cozy at home; Centaurus students did it all this past summer.

# DESTINATIONS



# ON THE SAME PAGE

The summer reading challenge created by Mrs. Turgel encouraged students to read over break. "There is research to show that [reading] benefits your academic success and your mental health," said Mrs. Turgel when asked. The motto of the summer reading program is "not every book is for everyone, but everyone should read books," she went on to explain.



**Big Little Lies**  
By Liane Moriarty  
Murder Mystery

This is an amazing modern-day murder mystery novel that tells the stories of many parents and their kindergarten children. Not only are they handling 5 year-olds and petty parents, but they are also dealing with the complexities of life and the problems that come with it; problems that result in murder. Lorton says, "I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys a good mystery and who has the patience to handle well-written petty characters."

**Recommended by**  
**Alexa Lorton (12)**



**Valdor**  
By Christ Wraight  
Sci Fi

Valdor, Birth of the Imperium is set far into the future in the year 30 thousand, Earth. The book focuses on Constantin Valdor. He is the best of the genetically-enhanced warriors, charged with protecting the growing Palace on Earth, as well as the Emperor Himself. Cunningham said, "The book is very good at its world building and is a great introduction to the wonderfully dark and over the top world of the war hammer 30,000/40,000 universe."

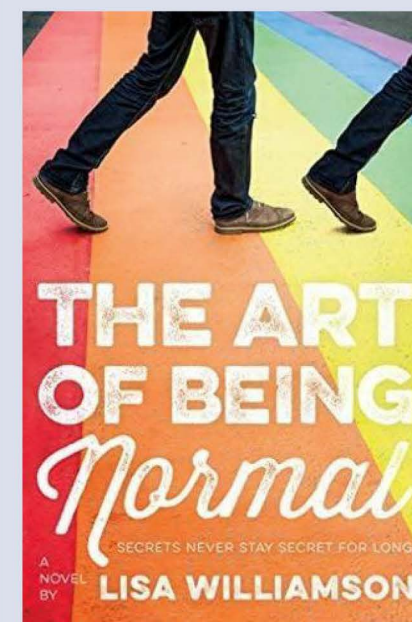
**Recommended by**  
**Braydon Cunningham (11)**



**The Lunar Chronicles**  
By Marissa Meyers  
Fantasy, Romance

The Lunar Chronicles is a sci-fi, fantasy series that takes old fairy tales and turns them into exciting futuristic adventures. It takes the classic stories of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Snow White and turns them into breathtaking books. There are four main books and two others that serve as world-building books. Lininger says "I absolutely recommend this series."

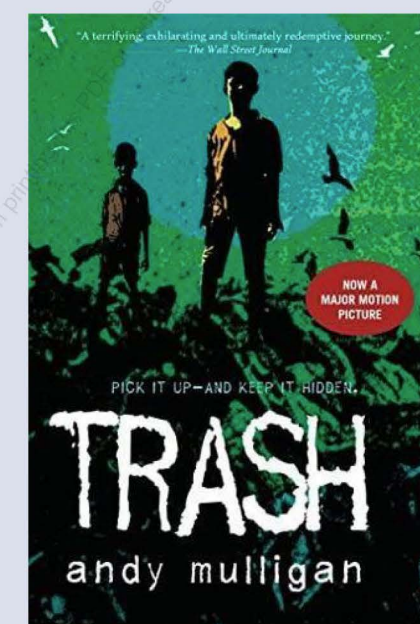
**Recommended by**  
**Noa Lininger (10)**



**The Art of Being Normal**  
By Lisa Williamson  
Novel, Young adult fiction

The Art of Being Normal is a phenomenal representation of what life is as a teenager. It has heart-wrenching moments and illustrates the hardships many trans people have to face. Ellis said, "As a cis person I thought that the book was an amazing insight to the minds of some of my friends!"

**Recommended by**  
**Aubree Ellis (10)**



**Trash**  
By Andy Mulligan  
Mystery

Trash tells the tale of 3 dumpsite boys: Raphael, Gardo and Rat. They live on the trash heaps of Behala and sort through it, hoping to find anything they can sell or recycle. Their lives are poverty stricken, and unadventurous. All this changes when the boys find something in the trash: a bag with a key and a wallet. Salas says, "It is just an amazing book, and I highly recommend it."

**Recommended by**  
**Briana Fernandez Salas (10)**

## GAME OF GENRES

What do CHS students read the most? When polled students gave their top five favorite genres and why they love them so much.



## ALL ABOUT PRIZES

Students that participated in the summer reading challenge earned fun prizes like T-Shirts and Buttons.

Over **300 buttons** were awarded to students that read over the summer this year.

**10 SUMMER**





**CARING FOR ANIMALS**

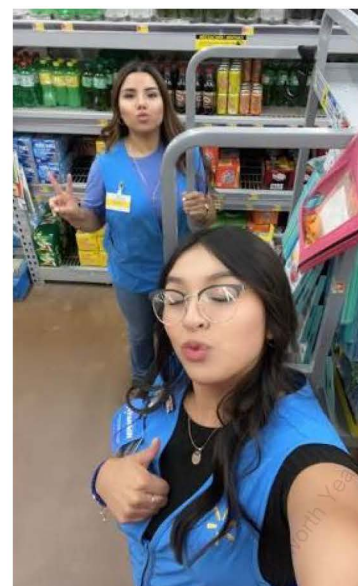
Aidan Space (11) walks a dog as a part of their summer job. Space was employed at a local veterinary clinic during the summer break. "There's just so much that happens all the time," said Space when asked about the responsibilities of their job.

photo donated by aidan space

**GETTING IT DONE**

Standing in the kitchen, Gian Sanchez (9) poses the the camera with a co-worker. Sanchez worked as a busser at the local restaurant El Tapatio, "My coworkers and manager made the job so much better," Sanchez said.

photo donated by gian carlo sanchez

**WORKING WITH FRIENDS**

Paloma Morales Castro (12) and Dayleen Rios Valdez (12) stand in the aisle of Walmart and pose for the camera. Valdez and Castro worked stocking shelves and assisting customers. "It was amazing," Castro said of her summer job.

photo donated by paloma morales castro

**TOO CUTE**

Cora Harke (9) buckles her brother into the car seat. Harke babysat her two-year-old baby brother over the summer. "It was chaotic," Harke said.

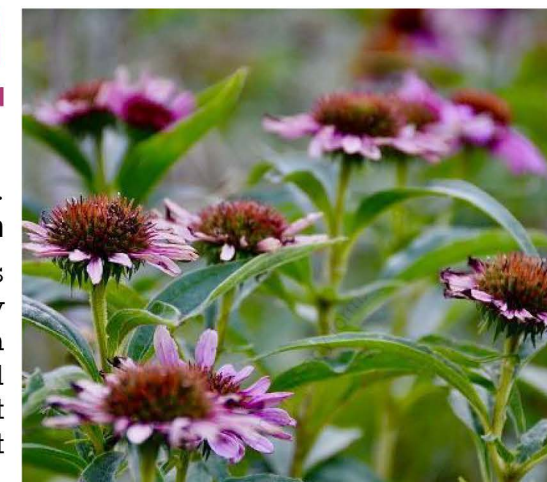
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**CAPTURING THE MOMENT**

Sara Chreist (9) places 23rd in the U.S. National HS Photography Competition

Chreist snaps a photo of some wild flowers in a field. Chreist worked in photography over the summer doing short-term contracts for individual clients. "I loved working this summer job, and honestly, it would probably be my ideal job," Chreist said of their work experience.

photo donated by sara chreist

**PUTTING IN the hours**

Centaurus High School Students worked and volunteered hard. From babysitting younger siblings to stocking shelves, here are their favorite work memories.

**SUMMER CAMP**

Ramona Chen (9) stands with volunteers and kids enrolled in music camp. Chen volunteered at a music school in Broomfield teaching kids to play piano. "The kids were pretty rad," Chen said.

photo by ramona chen

**SAFETY FIRST**

Billy Plampin (10) sits in the lifeguard chair to monitor swimmers. Plampin worked as a lifeguard and sports official over the summer. "At the sports official one—that one was crazy—I had a fly ball almost hit me in the head," Plampin said.

photo donated by billy plampin

**SEA YOU AT THE BEACH**

Liv Nelson (10) poses with with a volunteer beach cleanup crew. They stayed in her hometown of Montezuma, Costa Rica. "It was fun, and I got to hang out with my old friends," Nelson said of the trip.

photo donated by liv nelson

**DOGGY DAYS**

Aiden Byers (9) snaps a photo of her neighbors dog laying on the grass. This past summer, they were paid 20 dollars an hour to watch their dog, Nilla. "Nilla is my favorite dog to dog sit," Byers said fondly.

photo donated by aiden byers

**WORK HORROR STORIES**

What was your scariest work experience?

While working as a life guard over the summer, **Billy Plampin (10)** had to save a drowning person while on duty. "I like freaked out, I was like 'oh my god!' and I was about to do CPR when the guy was like 'WOAH!'"

**Kate Ernst (9)** was working as a nanny over the summer, when one of the kids jumped off the stairs and injured his leg. "I almost had a heart attack."

**Sabina Petty (10)** was working as a physical therapy aid over the summer when they accidentally walked in on her coworker in the bathroom, showering. "It was horrible. I am traumatized."