

**Ninth-Grade Summer Reading**  
***Under the Overpass***  
**By Mike Yankoski**

Dear Upcoming Ninth-Grader,

I am very excited about this year's summer reading selection!

***Under the Overpass*** is the story of two middle-class college students who decide to give up everything in order to draw closer to Christ. They choose to spend five months living with the homeless people of America in order to see if they can truly trust God in all things. My prayer for all of us is that reading this book will inspire us to trust God fully in our own lives.

The book is divided into eight sections. As you read, you will need to write a journal entry in response to each section. The journals should be hand-written in your own handwriting – no typed journals, please. Journals need to be written on full-size college-ruled paper, and each journal should be at least one-half page long. The journal entries should be your response to the reading, not just a summary of that section. Try to think about how you can apply the lessons in the book to your own life. Please be prepared to turn in your journal on the first full day of class (August 19). The journal counts as a test grade, and late journals will not be accepted. In addition to the journal assignment, you will also be given a test over the book during the first week of school.

Although the book is not terribly long, you do need to allow yourself plenty of time to read it. Please don't procrastinate! I look forward to discussing the book with you as we start the new school year.

Happy Reading!!

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