

***MPH English Department Upper School Summer Reading — Juniors and Seniors***

Students who will be juniors or seniors during the 2023-2024 school year are expected to read one or both of the following books this summer.

[\*The Shadow of the Wind\*](#) by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

[\*Piranesi\*](#) by Susanna Clark

As you read, pick a single character from one of the books that interests you. Take some notes on that character. How are they described? Do they have distinct habits, beliefs? Do they speak in a specific dialect, tone, or voice? What do they notice? What *don't* they notice? How do they interact with others? How do they change over the course of the book? How do you know all of this?

In the first weeks of 2023-2024, all juniors and seniors will be asked to do a graded in-class writing assignment on their character. They will be able to use their notes and their copy of the book in which that character is found.

Each of these books is widely available at area bookstores or libraries. Have a relaxing summer and enjoy your reading!