

**Colonie Central High School
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Dear Incoming “Call of the Wild” Students and Parents:

Reading is one of the most valuable and pleasurable habits you can develop. Much of our class time together next year will be spent reading, talking, and writing about what we read. This elective will focus on non-fiction stories of adventure and survival.

As an incoming “Call of the Wild” student, you must read the following non-fiction selection over the course of the summer. You will be assessed on this book at the end of September. The assessment will include a multiple choice question test and a 500 word essay based on the themes presented in the book.

Miracle in the Andes by Nando Parrado

The English Department strongly recommends that you complete the following procedures to ensure effective recall:

*** Keep notes on each book including:**

1. A list of main characters and descriptions of each.
2. A detailed outline of the adventure/survival situation.
3. A list of conflicts the main character faces and how he or she overcomes those obstacles.
4. An overall message or meaning of life that the author is trying to convey.

“Call of the Wild” is a reading-intensive course. Developing a strong habit of reading independently will ensure your success in this exciting elective.

Sincerely,

The English Department