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Mount Mercy Academy Summer Reading

Every year Mount Mercy Academy students complete summer reading for their English classes. This year, for the second straight year, all the students as well as the faculty and staff, read the same book. This year the school-wide read was *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein.

Recently the school, under the leadership of English teacher Joanna Weld, held an assembly to culminate the read. Students were divided into teams with senior English students serving as group leaders. Each group, with students from all four grade levels, had to travel around the school and successfully answer questions about the novel in order to receive a clue. After the groups completed their assigned route, they assembled in the gymnasium to decipher their clues. The clues were for a key phrase from the novel. The assembly concluded with small group discussions facilitated by the senior students.

“It was a really fun and interesting way to conclude our summer reading,” senior Jill English commented. “I enjoyed racing around the school with the team and getting to know other students and hear their perceptions about the book.”



Mount Mercy Academy students discuss the novel *Code Name Verity*



Mount Mercy Academy students attempt to piece together clues during the *Code Name Verity* assembly.

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