Summer Reading Study Guide:

_**Ender’s Game** by Orson Scott Card_

The Summer Reading program, sponsored by the English Department at Padua Franciscan High School, is designed to entice students to read and recognize notable contemporary literature. We wish to engage student interest, encourage critical thinking, and challenge our students as readers. As such, some titles on the list may contain sensitive material and deal with more mature themes than some students may have encountered previously. The target audience of all the selected literature is young adults. Students are encouraged to find more information about all of the novels through the local library or through amazon.com. Additionally, the English Department strongly encourages students and parents/guardians to discuss the content, themes, and overall inherent literary value of the selected novels. Happy Reading!

**General Note:** These reading questions are meant only as a guide to the novel. *These will not be collected or graded.* Your grade on the novel will be based on an objective test and a follow-up essay that will be given within the first week of school. For your own benefit, it is highly suggested that you also keep a list of major plot happenings, characters, settings, etc. per chapter. We look forward to seeing you in August!!!

These questions are to help guide you in your understanding of the book, _Ender’s Game_. Please be sure to be able to explain your answers in class discussion.

1.) What kind of person is Ender? What kind of person would he like to be?

2.) How does Ender make friends? How does he convince the other students to follow his leadership?

3.) Throughout the story, many characters deal with moral dilemmas and choices. What conflicts do the following characters face?

   Ender’s parents –

   Ender’s brother and sister –

   The military –

   The school staff –

   The students –

4.) Where does Ender choose to sleep in the school dormitory? What’s his reason for that choice?
5.) Was the attack on the buggers justified? What do you think? What does Ender think?

6.) What type of genre (type of story) does Ender’s Game belong to?

7.) What are there so few girls at the Battle School? Do you think that’s a flaw in the book? Why or why not?

8.) Is genocide, or in the case of Ender’s Game where an entire alien race is annihilated, ever justified? Explain.

9.) How does the author portray the theme of Good versus Evil in Ender’s Game?

10.) What mission does Ender go on at the end of the book?