

# SUMMER READING

Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grades:

Select any *three* novels that interest you from the Summer Reading List (attached) that you have not already read. Take notes as you read, as you will be completing classwork, discussions, and a project based on these novels when you return to class in September. You may use any note-taking strategy you are comfortable with (jotting down thoughts and reflections in a journal, using sticky notes, etc.).

Please avoid reading the following books, as we will read them in Literature this coming school year:

- \* *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- \* *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- \* *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
- \* *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan
- \* *Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech

# HAPPY READING!

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Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grades:

Select any *two* novels that interest you from the Summer Reading List (attached) that you have not already read. Take notes as you read, as you will be completing classwork, discussions, and a project based on these novels when you return to class in September. You may use any note-taking strategy you are comfortable with (jotting down thoughts and reflections in a journal, using sticky notes, etc.). In addition to the novels you select, you will also need to read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. This is a popular title, and should be easily found at any local library or bookstore. Books can also be purchased inexpensively on Amazon.com. If you have read this novel, please re-read, taking notes, as you will be completing projects and discussions on this novel when you return to school in September.

Please avoid reading the following books, as we will read them in Literature this coming school year:

- \* *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- \* *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- \* *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass
- \* *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

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## Middle School Summer Reading List Grades 5-8

The Purpose of Summer Reading:

We hope that you enjoy the All Saints Catholic Academy's summer reading suggestions for Middle School. Our wish is that students and parents regard this list as a helpful guide for all readers but especially for reluctant readers. Research shows that students who read regularly score higher on vocabulary-related sections of standardized tests. More importantly, people who read regularly open themselves to an expansive world of ideas, magic, wonder, and information that enhances every day.

The books listed below are suggested books that represent a cross section of quality and entertaining choices.

### **Adventure and Survival Stories**

- Avi     *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*  
Cooney   *Flight #116 is Down (or others)*  
Collins   *Hunger Games (series)*  
Doyle    *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
Eckert    *Incident at Hawk's Hill*  
George    *Julie of the Wolves (or others)*  
Hesse     *Phoenix Rising*  
Horowitz   *Stormbreaker (series)*  
Mikaelsen   *Touching Spirit Bear*  
Myers     *Climb or Die*  
O'Dell    *Black Star, Bright Dawn (or others)*  
Paulsen    *Dogsong (or others)*  
Turnage    *Three Times Lucky*  
Ullman    *Banner in the Sky*  
Voigt     *Homecoming (or others)*  
White     *Deathwatch*

## Animal Stories

- Avi *Ereth's Birthday (or others)*  
Hiaasen *Hoot (or others)*  
North *Rascal*  
Paulsen *Brian's Hunt*  
Sherlock *Letters from Wolfie*  
Stranger *That Quail, Robert*  
Swarthout *Bless the Beasts and Children*

## Family, Friends & Contemporary Fiction

- Albom *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson*  
Appelt *Kissing Tennessee*  
Applegate *The One and Only Ivan*  
Armstrong *Souder*  
Avi *Nothing But the Truth (or others)*  
Bauer *Hope was Here*  
Blume *Tiger Eyes (or others)*  
Bonham *Durango Street*  
Bunce *Curse Dark as Gold*  
Burns *Cold Sassy Tree*  
Capote *Grass Harp*  
Choldenko *Al Capone Does My Shirts (series)*  
Cormier *Other Bells for Us to Ring*  
Curtis *Bucking the Sarge (or others)*  
Draper *The Battle of Jericho (or others)*  
Fleischman *Whirligig*  
Holt *My Louisiana Sky*  
Holm *Penny from Heaven*  
Kadohata *Kira Kira*  
Konigsburg *Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place (or others)*  
Korman *Born to Rock (or others)*  
Lockhart *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*  
Lord *Rules*  
Lowry *Summer to Die*  
Martin *A Corner of the Universe (or others)*  
Myers *Monster (or others)*  
Nelson *Ruby Electric*

Nixon *Search for the Shadowman*  
 Oughton *Music from a Place Called Half Moon*  
 Patro *The Higher Power of Lucky*  
 Paulsen *Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered (or others)*  
 Peck *Fair Weather (or others)*  
 Perkins, L. *All Alone in the Universe*  
 Perkins, M. *First Daughter: White House Rules*  
 Quattlebau *Grover G. Graham and Me*  
 Reinhardt *Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life*  
 Rylant *Missing May*  
 Sachar *Holes*  
 Schmidt *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*  
 Selznick *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*  
 Spinelli *Wringer (or others)*  
 Wolff *Probably Still Nick Swanson (or others)*  
 Woodson *After Tupac & D Foster (or others)*  
 Zevin *Elsewhere*  
 Zinnen *Truth About Rats, Rules and Seventh Grade*

## **Fantasy**

Barron *Lost Years of Merlin (series)*  
 Barry *Peter and the Starcatchers (series)*  
 Black *Tithe : A Modern Faerie Tale*  
 Blackman *Naughts & Crosses*  
 Bray *Great and Terrible Beauty (series)*  
 Brennan *Unspoken (The Lynburn Legacy)*  
 Buckley-Archer *The Gideon Trilogy*  
 Colfer *Artemis Fowl (series)*  
 Cooper *Dark is Rising (series)*  
 Cross *Dark Ground*  
 Crossley-Holland *Seeing Stone (series)*  
 DuPrau *City of Ember (series)*  
 Farmer *Sea of Trolls (or others)*  
 Frost *The Paladin Prophecy*  
 Funke *Inkheart (series)*  
 Haddix *Among the Hidden (series)*  
*Just Ella (or others)*

Hale	<i>Princess Academy (or others)</i>
Harrison	<i>Mira, Mirror</i>
Kindl	<i>Goose Chase</i>
Jacques	<i>Redwall (series)</i>
Jones	<i>Howl's Moving Castle (or others)</i>
L'Engle	<i>Wrinkle in Time (or others)</i>
Le Guin	<i>Gifts (or others)</i>
Levine	<i>Dave at Night (or others)</i>
Lewis	<i>Chronicles of Narnia (series)</i>
Maguire	<i>Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister</i>
Nix	<i>Sabriel (series)</i>
Oppel	<i>Silverwing (series)</i> <i>Airborn (series)</i>
Pierce	<i>Darkangel (series)</i>
Schlitz	<i>Splendors &amp; Glooms</i>
Stroud	<i>Amulet of Samarkand (trilogy)</i>
Thompson	<i>Switchers (series)</i>
Walden	<i>H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education (series)</i>
Wooding	<i>The Haunting of Alaizabel Gray</i>

### Science Fiction & the Future

Anderson	<i>Feedback (or others)</i>
Asimov	<i>Fantastic Voyage</i>
Bradbury	<i>Martian Chronicles</i>
Farmer	<i>Ear, The Eye and the Arm (or others)</i>
OBrien	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>
Patterson	<i>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment (series)</i>
Westerfeld	<i>Peeps (series)</i> <i>Leviathan (series)</i> <i>The Secret Hour (Midnighters series)</i> <i>Uglies (series)</i>
Wilde	<i>Picture of Dorian Gray</i>

### Historical Fiction

Avi	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead (series)</i>
Blos	<i>Letters from the Corrugated Castle: a novel of gold rush California 1850-1852</i>

Curtis	<i>Elijah of Buxton (or others)</i>
Cushman	<i>Rodzina (or others)</i>
Dowell	<i>Dovey Coe</i>
Dumas	<i>Three Musketeers</i>
Garfield	<i>Smith</i>
Giff	<i>Lily's Crossing</i>
Goodman	<i>Winter Hare</i>
Gray	<i>Adam of the Road</i>
Greenberg	<i>Chuck Close, Up Close</i>
Greene	<i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>
Holm	<i>Our only May Amelia</i>
Hunt	<i>Across Five Aprils</i>
Keith	<i>Rifles for Watie</i>
Kelly	<i>Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>
Lauber	<i>Painters of the Caves</i>
Lord	<i>A Night to Remember</i>
Lunn	<i>Root Cellar</i>
Lyons	<i>Letters from a Slave Girl</i>
McCaughrean	<i>Pirate's Son</i>
Park	<i>Single Shard</i>
Paterson	<i>Lyddie</i>
Patneau	<i>Thin Wood Walls</i>
Petry	<i>Harriet Tubman</i>
Reiss	<i>Upstairs Room</i>
Rinaldi	<i>Numbering All the Bones</i>
Snyder	<i>Cat Running</i>
Spinelli	<i>Knots in my Yo-yo String</i>
Stead	<i>When You Reach Me</i>
Sutcliffe	<i>Song for a Dark Queen</i>
Taylor	<i>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</i>
Yates	<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i>
Yep	<i>Dream Soul</i>

### **Romance**

Appelt	<i>Kissing Tennessee</i>
Avi	<i>Romeo and Juliet: Together (and Alive!) at Last</i>
Byars	<i>Bingo Brown, Gypsy Lover (and other Bingo Brown Books)</i>
Clary	<i>Fifteen</i>

Conford *If this is Love, I'll Take Spaghetti*  
Davis *Who Needs Boys?*  
Dessen *Keeping the Moon*  
Draper *Romiette and Julio*  
Mazer *Girl of His Dreams*  
Meyer *Twilight (series)*  
Naylor *Alice in Rapture, Sort of*  
Peck *Soup In Love*  
Sones *What My Mother Doesn't Know*  
Spinelli *Stargirl (or others)*  
Vail *The Friendship Ring (series)*  
Van Draanen *Flipped*

### **Horror & the Supernatural**

Baird *Willowmere Chronicles (series)*  
Cross *Wolf*  
Duncan *Down a Dark Hall*  
Gilmore *Enter Three Witches*  
Gripe *Agnes Cecilia*  
Hahn *Wait Till Helen Comes*  
Hambly *Those Who Hunt the Night*  
Klause *Silver Kiss*  
McNeil *Ghost Stories from the American South*  
Pearce *Familiar and Haunting : Collected Stories*  
Peck *Ghost Belonged to Me*  
Poe *Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness*  
Price *Horror Stories*  
Schreiber *Vampire Kisses*  
St. George *Haunted*  
Westall *Ghost Abbey*  
Wooding *Haunting of Alaizabel Cray*  
Wright *Ghost in the House*

### **Mystery & Suspense**

Avi *Man who Was Poe*  
Bounce *Curse Dark as Gold*  
Cameron *Court of the Stone Children*

Duncan *I know What You Did Last Summer*  
Hahn *Dead Man in Indian Creek*  
Hayes *Trouble with Lemons*  
Jaffe *Bad Kitty*  
Korman *Chasing the Falconers (series)*  
L'Engle *Dragons in the water*  
Nixon *Stalker*  
Pullman *Ruby in the Smoke*  
Raskin *Westing Game*  
Riordan *39 Clues (series; by different authors)*  
Roberts *What Could Go Wrong?*  
Taylor *Weirdo*  
Voigt *Calendar Papers*  
Wells *Man in the Woods*

### **Classics**

Alcott *Little Women*  
Austin *Eight Cousins*  
Barrie *Peter Pan*  
Burnett *Secret Garden*  
Cooper *Last of the Mohicans*  
Dickens *David Copperfield*  
Dumas *Count of Monte Cristo*  
Forester *Captain Horatio Hornblower*  
Graham *Wind in the Willows*  
Kipling *Jungle Book*  
Mitchell *Gone with the Wind*  
Montgomery *Anne of Green Gables (series)*  
Scott *Ivanhoe*  
Sewell *Black Beauty*  
Smith *Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
Stevenson *Black Arrow*  
Tarkington *Penrod*  
Twain *Tom Sawyer*  
Verne *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*  
White *Sword in the Stone*

## International List

- Canales *Tequila Worm (Mexican-American family)*  
Cameron *Colibri (Latin America)*  
Cisneros *House on Mango Street (Hispanic family in Chicago)*  
Dorris *Morning Girl (Bahamas before Columbus)*  
Farmer *Girl Named Disaster (Mozambique)*  
Fritz *Homesick: My own Story (China)*  
Gordon *Waiting for the Rain (South Africa)*  
Hautzig *Endless Steppe (Siberia)*  
Hesse *Letters from Rifka (Russia)*  
Holm *North to Freedom (Eastern Europe)*  
Holman *Wild Children (Russia)*  
Laird *Kiss the Dust (Kurds)*  
L'Engle *Dragons in the Water (Venezuela)*  
Levitin *Return (Ethiopian Jews)*  
Mosher *Zazoo (Vietnam, France)*  
Naidoo *Chain of Fire (South Africa)*  
Noonan *McKenzie's Boots (Australia WWII)*  
Norman *Climb a Lonely Hill (Australia)*  
Orczy *Scarlet Pimpernel (French Revolution)*  
Orlev *Island on Bird Street (Poland WWII)*  
Paterson *Of Nightingales That Weep (12<sup>th</sup> C. Japan)*  
Paulsen *Crossing (Mexico)*  
Reiss *Upstairs Room (Holland WWII)*  
Sacks *Beyond Safe Boundaries (South Africa)*  
Service *Reluctant God (Ancient Egypt)*  
Speare *Bronze Bow (Roman Palestine)*  
Staples *Under the Persimmon Tree (Afghanistan)*  
Taylor *Timothy of the Cay (Caribbean)*  
Townsend *The Girl in the White Ship (Vietnam)*  
Watkins *So Far from the Bamboo Grove (Korea WWII)*

## Non-fiction & Biography

- Allen *George Washington, Spy Master*  
Avi *Airborne: A Photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright*  
Crutcher *King of the Mild Frontier: an ill-advised autobiography*  
Freedman *Voice That Challenged a Nation*

Gilbreth *Cheaper by the Dozen*  
Grogan *Marley and Me: life and love with the world's worst dog*  
Iggulden *The Dangerous Book for Boys*  
King *The Big Book of Girl Stuff*  
Krakauer *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster*  
Masoff *Oh, Yuck! The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty*  
McWhorter *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement*  
Miles *Wild Science: Amazing Encounters Between Animals and the People who Study Them*  
Myron *Dewey: the small-town library cat that touched the world*  
Parks *Rosa Parks: My Story*  
Paulsen *Guts*  
Sandler *Island of Hope: The Story of Ellis Island and the Journey to America*  
Schlitz *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*  
Scieszka *Guys Write for Guys Read*  
Sheinkin *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*  
Willett *J.R.R. Tolkien: Master of Imaginary World*  
Zenati *When I Was a Soldier*