

## **Entering 8th Grade (2018-2019)**

### **Middle School Language Arts Summer Reading 2018**

Please contact Mr. D at [digeorgio@blessedtrinitycatholicschool.org](mailto:digeorgio@blessedtrinitycatholicschool.org) if you have any questions.

Pick a book from the following list and write an open-topic 800 word thesis paper on it. You will need to submit a hard copy of your paper on the first day of class; no printing in the Literature classroom. You should use as a model the papers that you wrote in your literature class in 7th grade. Remember that you are not focusing on summary but instead you are writing analytically, meaning that you are discussing the deeper meaning and significance of the story. Internet research is not permitted. You should also be prepared to take an Accelerated Reader Quiz on your chosen book when you return to school. Do not take your Accelerated Reader quiz early. You are free to take notes on your book and use them on the quiz.

**Please Note:** The book chosen for Summer Reading should *not* be a book that the student has previously read *nor* should it be a book on which the student has taken an Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz. If Mr. D suspects that the student did not really read your book, or completed a project/paper on a book that was read at some point in the past, then the student will be required to sit for an after-school interview with Mr. D and the topic will be an in-depth discussion of the book. Students should take this seriously and actually complete the assignment, which will be for gradebook points in Quarter 1. Lastly, students are certainly encouraged to read more than one book from the list, but they are only required to read just one and complete an assignment on it.

### **Book List:**

*Absolutely Normal Chaos*, Sharon Creech  
*Crash*, by Jerry Spinelli  
*Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card  
*The Fellowship of the Ring*, J.R.R. Tolkien  
*For Whom the Bell Tolls*, Ernest Hemingway  
*The Great Divorce*, C.S. Lewis  
*Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton  
*Messenger*, by Lois Lowry  
*The Once and Future King*, T.H. White  
*Knots on my Yo Yo String*, Jerry Spinelli  
*Make Lemonade*, Virginia Euwer Wolff

*Out of the Silent Planet*, C.S. Lewis

*Perelandra*, C.S. Lewis

*The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis

*The Silver Chair*, C.S. Lewis

*Skink*, Carl Hiaasen

*That Hideous Strength*, C.S. Lewis

*White Fang*, Jack London