



SAINT MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

51 Clapham Avenue, Manhasset, NY 11030

2017 SUMMER READING LIST & REQUIREMENTS

Every student at St. Mary's High School is required to read during the summer. A list of books for each grade level is on the other side of this letter. The students are informed in class of this requirement and they should understand the importance of the reading program in the school.

A test will be given on these books during the first week of classes. The grade for the test will be part of their English grade average for the first quarter.

On the day of the test, students are required to bring to English class notes taken on each book. These notes should be copied neatly on loose-leaf paper or printed on a computer in the following format:

Title

Author

Point of View

Setting in time and place

List all main characters and a brief description of each

A brief plot summary

Conflict

Theme (if possible)

These notes, which should not exceed one piece of loose leaf, both sides, will afford the student material for review and will be used by the student's teacher to verify that the book has been read. In the event that the student does poorly on his or her test, the book notes can be used to supplement the grade.

Since reading is one of the most important skills a person can acquire, this opportunity to read during leisure time is invaluable. I am confident that you will assist your child in obtaining the necessary books and encourage him or her to do the required reading.

2017 SUMMER READING BOOK LIST

Advanced Placement Students (AP) must read the three required books. Students in Pre-College Literature class must read both designated “required” and any one of the other books on the list. Students assigned to English 10 Honors must read both designated “required” and any one of the other books on the list. All other students must read the book designated “required” and any two of the remaining books on the list.

FRESHMEN YEAR

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>The Book Thief</u>	Markus Zusak – Required
<u>Canyons</u>	Gary Paulsen
<u>Soul Surfer</u>	Bethany Hamilton
<u>Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip</u>	Jordan Sonnenblick
<u>Time Machine</u>	H.G. Wells
<u>The Silver Kiss</u>	Annette Klause Curtis

SOPHOMORE YEAR: HONORS and REGULAR

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>The Contender</u>	Robert Lipsyte - Required
<u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u>	Harper Lee - Required for English 10 Honors
<u>Rooftop</u>	Paul Volponi
<u>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</u>	Maya Angelou
<u>The Accident</u>	Todd Strasser
<u>The Old Man and the Sea</u>	Ernest Hemingway

JUNIOR YEAR: HONORS and REGULAR

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>A Child Called It</u>	Dave Pelzer - Required
<u>Good-bye, Mr. Chips</u>	James Hilton
<u>I Am Malala</u>	Malala Yousafzai
<u>High Fidelity</u>	Nick Hornby
<u>Rebecca</u>	Daphne DuMaurier
<u>Snow in August</u>	Pete Hamill

SENIOR YEAR: PRE-COLLEGE LIT/COMP., ELECTIVES

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>Ordinary People</u>	Judith Guest - Required
<u>The Chosen</u>	Chaim Potok - Required for Pre-College Literature
<u>Almost A Woman</u>	Esmeralda Santiago
<u>Lesson Before Dying</u>	Ernest J. Gaines
<u>Lovely Bones</u>	Alice Sebold
<u>What We Keep</u>	Elizabeth Berg

SENIOR YEAR: ADVANCED PLACEMENT (All required)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
<u>Grapes of Wrath</u>	John Steinbeck
<u>Kite Runner</u>	Khaled Hosseini
<u>Native Son</u>	Richard Wright