



Going into
7th Grade
English

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to nurture in its students an abiding Catholic faith while pursuing academic excellence and modeling honesty, respect, and service as dynamic members of our world community.

Summer Reading for Incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students

Dear students and parents,

Hello, and happy summer! We're looking forward to another great year with each of you. Reading is a necessary skill for academics, but it is also a way to learn about other people, time periods, places, and cultures. While we hope you read several books this summer on your own, we have picked out a few books we would like all incoming students to read by grade level. There is no additional work to do except read the books – we will discuss when we come back in the fall, and write an in-class essay answering a question about characters and themes.

In addition to our class books, we have listed other good books to read optionally should you want to pick up some other books in your spare time. In many cases, we have copies here if you would like to borrow one.

Class Books

6th grade: *The Girl who Drank the Moon* - by Kelly Barnhill

7th grade: *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry

8th grade: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford (both classes) and *Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain (honors only)

Other reading suggestions:

6th – 7th

The Girl Who Could Not Dream – Durst (fantasy)

The Westing Game – Raskin (mystery)

7th

Diary of a Young Girl – Frank (classic memoir, theme of war)

8th

Emma – Austen (classic literature, youthful romance)

Please feel free to email Mrs. Ishida with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Ms. O'Reilly