



SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

2017 SUMMER READING—GRADES 6-8

Students entering grades 4 – 8 will participate in summer reading prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year. All students will be reading one book. Because we want summer reading to be enjoyable as possible, students will be able to choose their book from the following list!

Students will be assessed on their knowledge of the book within the first few days of school.

You can purchase titles from most book stores, including Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com. All titles are also available for check out from the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system.

Incoming students in grades 6 –8 will read one choice from the 2018 Louisiana Young Reader’s Choice Award List.

6th—8th grade choices from the Louisiana Young Reader’s Choice Award List

Choose ONE book from the following list to read for summer reading.

Awkward (a graphic novel) by Svetlana Chmakova, 224 pages.

Peppi has just moved to a new town and a new middle school. As she trips into school on the first day, a small act of kindness from a stranger turns into an awkward moment of meanness on her part. As time goes on, Peppi realizes she must make amends. While navigating through her life at school, she discovers a true friend. While she and her new friend stumble together through a rival competition, the two begin to work to join some great (but very different) minds for a production that benefits the entire school.

The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands, 348 pages.

Christopher is an apprentice to a master apothecary in the 1600’s. When his master and several other apothecaries die mysteriously at the hands of a strange cult, Christopher uses all his skills to unravel a series of codes. Christopher and his best friend must use the answers to discover what is happening before the cult can take over.

A Blind Guide to Stinkyville by Beth Vrabel, 264 pages.

Sinkville, South Carolina, is a small paper mill town that stinks. It *seriously* stinks, hence its nickname Stinkyville. It’s a far cry from Seattle, Washington, where Alice and her family moved from. After all, Alice had a routine there, was comfortable, and no one made a big deal about her having to avoid the sun or use a cane to walk. Stinkyville is completely different; Alice’s mom has suddenly dropped into depression, and her brother is becoming a bigger jerk every day. Through a new friend and a town writing contest, Alice finds her footing and independence in her adopted town.

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, 368 pages.

Emily's family is moving to San Francisco, where her idol Garrison Griswold resides. Griswold is the creator of Book Scavenger, a geocaching game where books are hidden and revealed through a series of clues and cyphers. When Griswold is attacked, Emily and her friend James must navigate through the streets of San Francisco in search of a hidden treasure before Griswold's attackers find them or the mystery Griswold hid.

Charlie and the Grandmothers by Katy Towell, 240 pages.

12-year-old Charlie is frightened of nearly everything. When he and his sister Georgie are summoned to stay with grandmothers they have never heard of, he knows there must be more going on than what meets the eye. Grandmothers Pearl and Opal can't cook, sleep all day, and lock the children up at night. Charlie must overcome his fears and work together with his sister to figure out what these strange old ladies want before it becomes too late to escape their clutches.

The Disappearance of Emily H. by Barrie Summy, 256 pages.

New to town, Raine quickly learns that she is living in the house where Emily Huvar lived before she mysteriously disappeared. After discovering that the mean girls at school might know more than they are letting on, Raine decides to use her powers of seeing people's memories to try to find out what really happened to Emily. Raine must grapple with bullies and dangerous situations to hopefully return Emily to her family.

Ferals by Jacob Grey, 288 pages.

Being raised by crows and living on the streets isn't exactly normal, but neither is being able to communicate with the crows. Caw only has distant memories of his parents, but when he rescues the prison warden's daughter Lydia, the mysteries of their town of Blackstone and his own past begin to come to light. Caw discovers that he is not the only one who can speak to animals, and the powerful Spinning Man almost destroyed their city in his quest for power over the other ferals. Can Caw obtain control of his special powers with the help of some unlikely friends, or will Spinning Man return to take control of Blackstone?

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar, 192 pages

A shortcut through the woods in order to avoid a school bully sets off a catastrophic chain of events when Marshall and Tamaya inadvertently stumble upon ergonyms, a manmade organism that reproduces at an enormous rate and has the capability of destroying human life through a worldwide pandemic. Written in three different timelines, the main characters are hurled toward an ending none of them were ever prepared for.

How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel by Jennifer Brown, 240 pages.

Luke Abbott goes to a middle school where no team has ever won anything. Needless to say, he is less than thrilled when he is forced to join the Robotics club, especially when he sees who else makes up the team- his sworn enemy, Missy the Cruel, as well as the school's scary loner, Lunchbox Jones. As Luke finds out he and Lunchbox Jones have more in common than meets the eye, he must grow in more ways than one if he wants to bring home a much-needed win for his school.