



## SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

### 2018 Summer Reading, Grades 6-8

Students entering grades 3 – 8 will participate in summer reading prior to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Incoming 3rd graders will have one required book. The remaining grades will have one required book and one choice from the Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award Nominees.

As summer begins, we strongly encourage you to make reading a priority with your child. In addition to stimulating the imagination and providing a great recreational activity, reading over the summer can help minimize summer learning losses. There are no limits to the benefits of reading!

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

For your convenience, summer reading order forms from Barnes and Noble will be sent home this week. If you choose not to order through the school, these books can be purchased from most book stores or checked out from the public library.

#### **Incoming 6th Grade**

6th grade will be required to read *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis and one book of their choosing from the list below.

#### **Incoming 7th Grade**

7th grade will be required to read *Holes* by Louis Sachar and one book of their choosing from the list below.

#### **Incoming 8th Grade**

8th grade will be required to read *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt and one book of their choosing from the list below.

#### **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.

**The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes** by Wade Albert White, 374 pages

In a magical world of floating tiers, mischievous dragons, and endless bureaucracy, Anne and her friends embark on a Rightful Heir Quest to claim her place in the Hierarchy and escape horrible consequences.

**Booked** by Kwame Alexander, 314 pages

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

**Ghost** by Jason Reynolds, 181 pages

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

*6th-8th grade choices continued on the back*

## 6th-8th grade choices (continued)

**Dara Palmer's Major Drama** by Emma Shevah, 282 pages

Dara Palmer dreams of being an actress, but when she does not get the part in the school play she wonders if it is because of her different looks as an adopted girl from Cambodia, so Dara becomes determined not to let prejudice stop her from being in the spotlight.

**Fuzzy** by Tom Angleberger and Paul Dellinger, 263 pages

When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

**The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill, 386 pages

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

**Once Was a Time** by Leila Sales, 324 pages

In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via a portal to present day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty.

**Projekt 1065** by Alan Gratz, 309 pages

It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth, and pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough--but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.

**\* Parents are advised that some content makes this choice more appropriate for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.** You as parents are the best judge of your child's sophistication level when it comes to reading.

**Terror at Bottle Creek** by Watt Key, 224 pages

Thirteen-year-old Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But when a deadly Gulf Coast hurricane makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put all his skills—and bravery—to the test.

**The Thing About Leftover** by C.C. Payne, 281 pages

Fizzy struggles to find her place in her blended family after her parents' divorce, hoping her entry in the Southern Living Cook-Off will show them she is more than just a leftover kid.

**Top Prospect** by Paul Volponi, 280 pages

Travis, a pre-teen quarterback with big potential, gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of Gainesville University football program offers him a scholarship before Travis even gets to high school.