

Eighth Grade Summer Reading List
St. Mary Catholic School

Congratulations to the rising eighth grade class! I am looking forward to working with you in literature class during your final year at St. Mary. In order to prepare for literature class this coming school year, the rising eighth graders need to read the following books and complete the assignments described below.

***Refugee* by Alan Gratz**
***Night* by Elie Wiesel**

****** For extra credit, you may also visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. during your summer break. After your visit, write a detailed paragraph (6-8 sentences) describing what you saw there and your thoughts on your visit. This is up to 15 extra points. You must bring the identification card on a Holocaust victim that you received from the Holocaust Museum. ******

If the Museum remains closed because of COVID-19, you may choose to read a book written by or about a victim or survivor of the Holocaust. You would need to fill in a story chart for this novel. Choose from the following list:

The Boy on the Wooden Box

The Diary of Anne Frank

My Survival: A Girl on Schindler's List

Four Perfect Pebbles

Surviving Hitler

Irena's Children (there is an adult and young adult version)

Hiding to Survive

For each book, the student must complete a story information chart. This is due on the first day of school. The charts should include:

- Title and Author
- A description of the setting (time and place)
- A description of the main character (Focus on emotional and social characteristics.)
- A list of the minor characters (No description needed.)
- A summary of the main conflict (Two to three sentences)
- A summary of the resolution of the conflict (Two to three sentences)

- Your opinion of the book in three sentences. Include specific reasons why you liked or did not like this book supported by details from the story.

Use the Google Slide to complete the chart. You can fill out the chart and submit through Classroom, or you can print out the chart and bring on the first day of school.

The story chart will be available to download from the school website.

The charts will count as some of your first assignments for the year. Each chart is worth 100 points.

We will spend the first several weeks of school discussing the two stories. If you own the book, please bring it with you to school each day.

The extra credit is worth up to 10 extra points.

I look forward to seeing you next school year. Enjoy your reading and enjoy your summer vacation!

If you have any questions, please email me at:
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Sincerely,

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