

Summer Reading List 2018

FRESHMEN

Tattoos on the Heart (Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ)

SOPHOMORES

Required: *All American Boys* (Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely)

Plus choose ONE of the three books below

- *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream* (Joshua Davis)
- *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* (Malala Youfsazi)
- *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League* (Jeff Hobbs)

JUNIORS

Required: *A Place to Stand* (Jimmy Santiago Baca)

Plus choose ONE of the three books below:

- *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura* (Eileen Markey)
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* (Susan Cain)
- *Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us* (Daniel Pink)

SENIORS

Choose ONE of the two books below:

- *Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life* (Tony Dungy)
- *Brain Rules* (John Medina)

WHY DO WE DO THIS? Reading is a SKILL that you will use the rest of your life, particularly when it comes to college and your future careers. Some of us associate reading only with a school activity, but many people read for enjoyment (really, it's true. Says so on the internet). We believe that the best way to develop both the skill and love of reading is to expose students to a variety of books, and hopefully, they will find a genre, author, or character they can relate to and keep reading. And HELLO! We're a college prep school. Getting into college isn't just about getting the grades; it is about being prepared for the work load. In college you have to read a lot – a whole lot! (and guess what, a lot of what you read for college isn't summarized on SparkNotes).

CHOOSING BOOKS. We have chosen non-fiction books for our summer reading, which deal mostly with the development of character. This summer ALL freshmen students will be required to read *Tattoos on the Heart*. All sophomores and juniors will read the required book plus ONE book from the attached book list. Seniors will be required to read one of the two books from the attached book list. There will be no limits on the number of students who may read a particular book, but you must select from one of the books from your grade level on the summer reading list. Really, it's that simple. We hope that you will find these books interesting and engaging; and if you decide you want to read more, feel free to contact your teachers, parents, and friends, or maybe check out Amazon.com for more suggestions!



**I have always imagined
paradise will be a
kind of library.**

—Jorge Luis Borges

AP and Honors English students will have required reading from the AP and Honors teachers. If you are going into AP or Honors English next year, see your current teacher for details.

IS THIS GRADED? You betcha! You will be graded over your summer reading. When you return to school next fall, your English teacher may have you write an assignment related to summer reading that will be worth a grade. Each teacher will have his/her own method for assessing you, although in most cases it will involve an essay or some type of writing assignment.

If you have questions regarding summer reading, please ask an English teacher or Mr. Lum.