

May 29, 2024

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share our summer reading program designed to encourage a love of reading and support our students' academic growth. Here are the details for both junior high and high school students:

**Junior High Students:** This summer, we have an assigned book for each grade level. Beyond this required reading, we strongly encourage students to explore books of their choice throughout the summer. Engaging in regular reading will help maintain their reading skills and foster a lifelong love of literature.

**High School Students:** For high school students, we assigned a specific book for both freshmen and sophomores, and a specific book for juniors and seniors. In addition to the assigned book, junior and seniors have a Bible assignment. It is crucial for our high school students to engage deeply with these texts as part of their academic studies.

**Reading Comprehension Test:** To ensure that our students have engaged with their summer reading, all students will take a *reading comprehension* test on the first day of school for a daily grade. We highly encourage our students to take notes while reading, draw connections, and summarize each chapter to ensure they interact with the material. (\*This does not include the Bible readings for upperclassmen.)

We encourage students to read a variety of other books that interest them as well. Recent research indicates that students in this age group need to read six to seven books (or the equivalent) during the summer to maintain their reading skills and levels. Students who read less may fall behind by one or more reading levels. Therefore, we recommend that all students aim to read at least six books over the summer.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to read this summer. A consistent reading habit is key to academic success and intellectual growth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Smith  
English Department Chair

Grade	Book
6th	<p><i>These Are My People</i> by Mildred T Howard  Publisher : JourneyForth; Illustrated edition (February 11, 2005)  ISBN-10 : 0890842426  ISBN-13 : 978-0890842423</p>
7th	<p><i>Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems (Christian Heroes: Then and Now)</i> by Janet Benge &amp; Geoff Benge  Publisher : YWAM Publishing; Christian Heroes: Then &amp; Now edition (May 1, 1998)  ISBN-10 : 1576580180  ISBN-13 : 978-1576580189</p>
8th	<p><i>God's Smuggler</i> by Brother Andrew  Publisher : Chosen Books; Anniversary edition (October 1, 2001)  ISBN-10 : 0800793013  ISBN-13 : 978-0800793012</p>
9th/10th	<p><i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i> by Ron Hall and Denver Moore  Publisher: Nelson Incorporated, Thomas  ISBN-100849900417  ISBN-139780849900419</p>
11th/12th	<p><i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines, Revised Edition</i> by Thomas C Foster  Publisher : Harper Perennial; Revised edition  ISBN-10 : 9780062301673  ISBN-13 : 978-006230167</p>
11th	<p>In addition to the above listed book, we have selected the <b>Book of Proverbs</b> for your reading. Proverbs is a treasure trove of wisdom, offering practical advice and insights on how to live a life of integrity and purpose. As you read, reflect on the teachings and think about how you can apply them in your own life. We encourage you to discuss what you learn with your family and friends and come prepared to share your thoughts when we return to school. The Book of Proverbs has 31 chapters. This structure makes it convenient for reading, as you can read one chapter a day over the course of a month, allowing for easy integration into your summer reading routine.</p>
12th	<p>In addition to the assigned book, we have selected the <b>Book of Ecclesiastes</b> for your reading. Ecclesiastes is a profound and thought-provoking book that explores the meaning of life, the pursuit of happiness, and the search for purpose. As you prepare to transition from high school to the next chapter of your lives, we hope this book will offer you valuable insights and encourage deep reflection.. We look forward to discussing your insights when we return to school. The Book of Ecclesiastes has 12 chapters. This makes it a manageable read for allowing you the ability to delve into its rich and thought-provoking content at a comfortable pace.</p>

## **Book Summaries**

### **These Are My People by Mildred T Howard (6th)**

*The true story of how God led Gladys Aylward from the cold, foggy streets of London to the bleak mountain ranges of the Shanshi province. Her steadfast faith touched Chinese hearts from all walks of life; her nursing skill saved the lives of many war-stricken Chinese; and her compassion led her to provide a home for hundreds of Chinese children.*

### **Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems, Christian Heroes: Then and Now (7th)**

*Amy Carmichael's life was one of simple, determined obedience to God, regardless of the consequences. Her service in India is a vivid example of the impact one person who will fear God and nothing else can have. Driven by love, sustained by faith and determination, this young woman from Northern Ireland defied the cruel barriers of India's caste system (1867-1951).*

*This best-selling, missionary biography series - Christian Heroes: Then & Now - chronicles the exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory.*

### **God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew (8th)**

*As a boy he dreamed of being a spy undercover behind enemy lines. As a man he found himself undercover for God. Brother Andrew was his name, and for decades his life story, recounted in God's Smuggler, has awed and inspired millions. This best seller tells of the young Dutch factory worker's incredible efforts to transport Bibles across closed borders - and the miraculous ways in which God provided for him every step of the way. Brother Andrew's story remains as inspiring today as it was 35 years ago, and with this new release, it will motivate a whole new generation to risk everything to follow God's call.*

### **Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (9th/10th)**

*A memoir written by Denver Moore and Ron Hall, with the assistance of Lynn Vincent.*

*Employing a first-person point of view that switches between Moore and Hall in its chapters, the book tells the radically-different life stories of the two men—Moore spent most of his adult years being homeless or in prison, while Hall was a high-end art dealer—and how they were brought together thanks to Hall's wife Deborah. The last part of the book details Deborah's battle with and subsequent death from cancer and how her legacy of Christian-inspired charity impacts her family, friends, and the homeless people she worked with.*

*The first part of the book covers the upbringing of Moore and Hall. Moore was born into a family of black sharecroppers in Red River Parish, Louisiana, in 1937. He was raised by his grandmother, but after her death in a house fire, winds up with his aunt and uncle. For almost thirty years he worked as a sharecropper and experienced the institutional racism endemic in the Deep South at the time. No matter how hard he and his family work, they are perpetually in debt to "the Man," who owns the plantation where they live and work. In addition, while changing a flat tire for a white woman on a country road when he was a teenager, Moore is attacked by three young white men on horses, who lasso him and drag him down the road. This event clouds his outlook on life, and Moore eventually hops on a passing freight train to find a better life elsewhere.*

***How to Read Literature Like a Professor. A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines, Revised Edition by Thomas C Foster (11th/12th)***

*A thoroughly revised and expanded edition of Thomas C. Foster's classic guide—a lively and entertaining introduction to literature and literary basics, including symbols, themes and contexts, that shows you how to make your everyday reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable. While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. How to Read Literature Like a Professor helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader, the college professor. What does it mean when a literary hero is traveling along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower?*

*Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower—and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. This revised edition includes new chapters, a new preface and epilogue, and incorporates updated teaching points that Foster has developed over the past decade.*

***\*Bible Assignment 11th Grade: The Book of Proverbs***

***\*Bible Assignment 12th Grade: The Book of Ecclesiastes***