

## STUDENTS ENTERING 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

### Kearns- St. Ann Catholic School Summer Reading List 2017

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructions:

Choose two books from this book list, and read them over the summer. You must be finished reading before the first day of school and bring your two books with you the first day of school, as well as the entire first week, to complete a project. You do not have to own the books—you can use your local library—but you must be able to bring the books to school the entire first week.

Below is a range of books to choose from. If a book is too hard to understand, pick a different one. “I didn’t understand the book” will not be an acceptable excuse on the first day of school. Failure to complete the summer reading requirements will severely affect a student’s first quarter grade in Reading.

**Note:** Each book title is marked with a number of stars to show its difficulty.

**One star = easier Two  
stars = medium Three  
stars = challenging**

| <u>Author</u>       | <u>Title</u>  |
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| Avi                 | <b><u>City of Orphans(Historical Fiction)***</u></b><br><i>1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works.</i>  |
| Barton, Chris       | <b><u>Can I See Your I.D?(Nonfiction) **</u></b><br><i>The author invites you to travel with some of the world’s greatest hoaxers, con artists, counterfeiters, and other great imposters, taking you into their deceptive minds.</i>   |
| Broskol, Vera       | <b><u>Anya’s Ghost (Graphic novel, supernatural) *</u></b><br><i>Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self- conscience about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.</i>   |
| Burns, Lori Griffin | <b><u>Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion (Nonfiction) ***</u></b><br><i>Describes the work of a man who tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents</i>   |
| Condie, Ally        | <b><u>Matched (Dystopian Adventure)*</u></b><br><i>Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander’s face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate...until she sees someone else’s face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black.</i> |
| Flanagan, John      | <b><u>Ranger’s Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan (Fantasy, Adventure)**</u></b><br><i>When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.</i>   |
| Fleischman, John    | <b><u>Phineas Gage. A gruesome but true story about brain science (Nonfiction) ***</u></b><br><i>Through the case history of Phineas Gage, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Vermonter who had an iron bar driven through his brain and lived, the book examines what is known of brain function.</i>   |
| Grisham, John       | <b><u>Theodore Boone: The Abduction (Mystery, legal thriller) *</u></b> <i>When his best friend disappears from her bedroom in the middle of the night, thirteen-year-old Theo uses his legal knowledge and investigative skills to chase down the truth and save April.</i>  |

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| <b>Grabenstein, Chris</b> | <b><u>Escape from Mr. Limoncello's Library (Fiction)**</u></b><br><i>Kyle Keeley is the class clown, popular with most kids (if not teachers), and an ardent fan of all games, especially video games. His hero, Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative game maker in the world, just so happens to be the genius behind the building of the new town library. Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue, secret and puzzle to find the hidden escape route.</i> |
| <b>Hinds, Gareth</b>      | <b><u>The Odyssey (Graphic novel, mythology)**</u></b><br><i>Retells, in graphic novel format, Homer's epic tale of Odysseus, the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting the Trojan War.</i>   |
| <b>Lupica, Mike</b>       | <b><u>Heat (Sports)**</u></b><br><i>Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.</i>  |
| <b>Manzano, Sonia</b>     | <b><u>The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano (Historical Fiction)**</u></b><br><i>It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and fourteen-year-old Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated- and dangerous.</i>   |
| <b>Myracle, Lauren</b>    | <b><u>Thirteen (Realistic Fiction)*</u></b><br><i>Winnie's thirteenth year brings many joyous and challenges as she negotiates her relationship with her first boyfriend and realizes that change is inevitable in her friends, family, and even herself.</i>  |
| <b>Nielsen, Jennifer</b>  | <b><u>The False Prince(Fantasy, adventure)**</u></b><br><i>In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long- missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.</i>  |
| <b>Oppel, Kenneth</b>     | <b><u>Airborn (Fiction)***</u></b><br><i>Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperon, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.</i>   |
| <b>Patterson, James</b>   | <b><u>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment (Science Fiction)**</u></b> <i>After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.</i>   |
| <b>Pullman, Phillip</b>   | <b><u>The Golden Compass(Fantasy)***</u></b><br><i>Lyra Belacqua is content to run wild among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle. As she hurtles toward danger, Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: she alone is destined to win-or to lose- this more than moral battle.</i>  |
| <b>Twain, Mark</b>        | <b><u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Fiction, classic)***</u></b><br><i>This is Mark Twain's classic American story about with a nose for mischief and a knack for avoiding any sort of work.</i>   |
| <b>Walsh, Pat</b>         | <b><u>The Crowfield Curse (Horror, fantasy)**</u></b><br><i>In 1347, when fourteen-year-old orphan William Paynel, an impoverished servant at Crowfield Abbey, goes into the forest to gather wood and finds a magical creature caught in a trap, he discovers he has the ability to see fays and becomes embroiled in a strange mystery involving Old Magic, a bitter feud, and ancient secrets.</i>  |
| <b>Zevin, Gabrielle</b>   | <b><u>Elsewhere (Fantasy)*</u></b><br><i>After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she must adjust to her new surroundings and figure out how to "live" in Elsewhere, a beautiful place where people get younger every year.</i>  |