

STUDENTS ENTERING 8th GRADE

Kearns- St. Ann Catholic School Summer Reading List 2017

8th 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>
Bruchac, Joseph	<u>Code Talker: A novel about the Navajo Marines (Historical Fiction)**</u> <i>After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue</i>
Card, Orson Scott	<u>Ender’s Game***(Science Fiction)</u> <i>In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. Ender's Game is the winner of the 1985 Nebula Award for Best Novel and the 1986 Hugo Award for Best Novel.</i>
Cormier, Robert	<u>The Chocolate War (Fiction, realistic)**</u> <i>Jerry Renault ponders the question on the poster in his locker: Do I dare disturb the universe? Refusing to sell chocolates in the annual Trinity school fund-raiser may not seem like a radical thing to do. But when Jerry challenges a secret school society called The Vigils, his defiant act turns into an all-out war.</i>
Funke, Cornelia	<u>Reckless (Fantasy) **</u> <i>Jacob and Will Reckless have looked out for each other ever since their father disappeared, but when Jacob discovers a magical mirror that transports him to a warring world populated by witches, giants and ogres, he keeps it to himself until Will follows him one day, with dire consequences</i>
Hayes, Daniel	<u>The Trouble with Lemons (Fiction, mystery)*</u> <i>His real name was Tyler McAllister, but he felt like a lemon. He had allergies and nightmares, and was the only unfamous person in his family. But one night he and a friend went swimming at the forbidden quarry, and Tyler found a dead body. Now he's determined to find out who killed the man and why they're now after him....</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<u>Chomp (Realistic Humor) *</u> <i>When the difficult star of the reality television show “Expedition Survival” disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane’s family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna’s gun-happy father.</i>
Johnson, Maureen	<u>13 Little Blue Envelopes (Fiction, realistic)**</u> <i>When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.</i>

Knowles, John	<u>A Separate Peace (Fiction, classic)</u>*** <i>An American classic and great bestseller for over thirty years, A Separate Peace is timeless in its description of adolescence during a period when the entire country was losing its innocence to the second world war.</i>
Lu, Marie	<u>Legend (Dystopian, Adventure)</u>** <i>In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-old Day -- a famous criminal, and prodigy June-- the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover they have a common enemy.</i>
Meyer, Marissa	<u>Cinder (Science Fiction) *</u> <i>As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Monster (Fiction, drama)**</u> <i>This New York Times bestselling novel and National Book Award nominee from acclaimed author Walter Dean Myers tells the story of Steve Harmon, a teenage boy in juvenile detention and on trial. Presented as a screenplay of Steve's own imagination, and peppered with journal entries, the book shows how one single decision can change our whole lives.</i>
Preller, James	<u>Bystander (Fiction, realistic) *</u> <i>Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.</i>
Quick, Matthew	<u>Boy 21 (Sports, realistic)**</u> <i>Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.</i>
Renn, Diana	<u>Tokyo Heist (Mystery)**</u> <i>After a high-profile art heist of three van Gogh drawings in her home town of Seattle, sixteen year-old Violet Rossi finds herself in Japan with her artist father, searching for the related van Gogh painting.</i>
St. John, Warren	<u>Outcasts United: the story of a refugee soccer team that changed a town (Nonfiction)**</u> <i>This is an inspirational story about the Fugees, a youth soccer team made up of diverse refugees from around the world, and their formidable female coach, Luma Mufleh.</i>