

2009 SUMMER READING LIST ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL



Upon returning to school in the fall, all students will be asked to complete an essay assessment based on the books they have chosen to read over the summer. Please note that the books listed are of varying maturity and reading levels and focus on different subject areas. We suggest that parents with their student preview the works, read the synopsis provided on the book jacket or on-line, and look at reviews before making your choice.

Incoming 9th & 10th graders:

Choose **two** works from the list below. This list is for all incoming 9th and 10th graders regardless of honors course distinction.

Non-Fiction & Essays

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier By Ishmael Beah

Fractals: the patterns of chaos By John Briggs

What are the Odds? Chance in everyday life By Mike Orkin

Best American Science Writing 2001 By Timothy Ferris, ed.

It's Raining Frogs and Fishes: Four Seasons of Natural Phenomena and Oddities of the Sky By Jerry Dennis and Glenn Wolff

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek By Annie Dillard

Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens By Sean Covey

Tuesdays with Morrie By Mitch Albom

Lunch Bag Notes (both: Everyday Advice from a Dad to his Daughter & MORE Lunch Bag Notes – Everyday Advice from a Dad to his Son) By Al Parisi

Vinnie Here: Fanciful Conversations Between a Pastor and His Dog By J. Kraker

Three Cups of Tea By Greg Mortenson (2 versions are available)

Fiction

A Thousand Splendid Suns By Khaled Hosseini

Whirligig By Paul Fleischman.

House of the Scorpion By Nancy Farmer

The Book Thief By Markus Zusak

A Lesson Before Dying By Ernest Gaines

A Thousand Acres By Jane Smiley

Pride and Prejudice By Jane Austen

Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte

Great Expectations By Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist By Charles Dickens

The Five People You Meet in Heaven By Mitch Albom

The House on Mango Street By Sandra Cisneros

The Pigman By Paul Zindel

The Secret Life of Bees By Sue Monk Kidd

Touching Spirit Bear By Ben Mikaelson

A Separate Peace By John Knowles

Animal Farm By George Orwell

Mythology By Edith Hamilton

Belles on Their Toes By Frank & Ernestine Gilbreth

Joan of Arc By Mark Twain

Run From The Nun By Erin MacLellan

Drama

Our Town By Thornton Wilder

The Tempest By William Shakespeare

The Importance of Being Earnest By Oscar Wilde

12 Angry Men By Reginald Rose

The Miracle Worker By William Gibson

Poetry

101 Famous Poems Ed. By Roy Jay Cook – a McGraw-Hill publication

Selected Poems By Langston Hughes

Inspirational/Spiritual

To Sing You Must Exhale By Katheryn Mulderink

Blessed Are the Bored In Spirit By Mark Hart

Spirituality of Sport: Balancing Body and Soul By Dr. Susan Saint Sing

Incoming 11th graders:

American Literature:

Choose one from the list below.

The Living Great Lakes By Jerry Dennis

All My Sons By Arthur Miller

The House of Mirth By Edith Wharton

A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and American Slave By Frederick Douglass

The Awakening By Kate Chopin

Uncle Tom's Cabin By Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Call of the Wild By Jack London

Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child By Elva Trevino Hart

AP Language and Composition:

Read both of the following.

The Screwtape Letters By C.S. Lewis

The Glass Castle. By Jeannette Walls

Incoming 12th Graders:

World Literature and Composition:

Choose one from the following list.

Non-Fiction

Reach for the Summit by Pat Summitt

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Vinnie Here: Fanciful Conversations Between a Pastor and His Dog By J. Kraker

Campin' In Chicago By M. Flanery

Please Don't Drink the Holy Water By Susie Lloyd

Fiction

Black As Night: A Fairy Tale Retold By Regina Doman

Inspirational/Spiritual

Blessed Are The Bored In Spirit By Mark Hart

To Sing You Must Exhale By K. Mulderink

Young Faces of Holiness: Modern Saints in Photos and Words By Ann Ball

Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons...And 199 other questions from Catholic Teenagers
By Matthew Pinto

Spirituality of Sport: Balancing Body and Soul By Dr. Susan Saint Sing

AP Literature and Composition:

Read the following:

The Bell Jar By Sylvia Plath

Choose one of the following:

1984 By George Orwell

Or

Brave New World By Aldous Huxley