

York Catholic Summer Reading

York Catholic High School views the development of life-long habits of reading as a hallmark of an educated man or woman, and it encourages each student to read widely throughout the year. The school also recognizes the value of other on-going academic engagement during the summer months. Summer reading and other intellectual activities serve to stimulate, to enrich, and to reinforce academic skills during the summer hiatus. We recommend that required books be read carefully and notes taken. Each current student will receive a packet with the assignments for the English summer reading before leaving for break. The assignments will also be available on the school's website. Each grade level's requirements are clearly explained and testing and/or projects are due at the commencement of the school year.

Incoming 7th Grade:

All students will read the following for English Language Arts:

The Day of the Pelican by Katherine Patterson

Incoming 8th Grade:

All students will read the following for English Language Arts:

Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs

Incoming 9th Grade:

Students will read the following selections according to English placement:

109: 9 Honors English

Anthem by Ayn Rand

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

111: 9 CP English/9 English

Anthem by Ayn Rand

Incoming 10th Grade:

Students will read the following selections according to English placement:

120: 10 Honors English

A Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague
by Geraldine Brooks

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
by Mark Haddon

121/129: 10 English CP/10 English

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil
Gaiman

All students will read the following for World History:

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Incoming 11th Grade:

Students will read the following selections according to English placement:

130: 11 Honors English

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
by Jamie Ford

131/139: 11CP/English 11 American Literature

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
by Jamie Ford

AND one of the following:

Hiroshima by John Hersey

OR

The Absolute True Diary of a Part-time Indian
by Sherman Alexie

Incoming 12th Grade:

Students will read the following selections according to English placement:

140: Advanced Placement Lit. and Comp.

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

AND one of the following:

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

OR

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
by Jonathan Safran Foer

142: 12 Honors English

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

141/149: 12 English CP/English/12 English

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini