



St. Michael The Archangel High School

2026-2027 Summer Reading List

Freshmen Summer Reading

All students must read **two** books chosen from the following list. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. Parents and guardians should review books on sites such as Common-Sense Media (www.common Sense Media.org) when helping to choose a book appropriate for their student.

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
The Three Musketeers by Alexander Dumas
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Fiction (Young Adult)

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Cinder by Marissa Meyer
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab
Gallant by Victoria Schwab
13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

Non-Fiction

A Treasury of Miracles for Teens: True Stories of God's Presence Today by Karen Kingsbury
Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith by Gabrielle Douglas and Michelle Burford
Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints by Colleen Swain

Honors English I Students:

Honors students must also read *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok



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Sophomore Summer Reading

All students must read **two** books chosen from the following list. Students will be tested on both books during the first week of school. The English department recommends that students take notes as they read. Parents and guardians should review books on sites such as Common-Sense Media (www.common Sense Media.org) when helping to choose a book appropriate for their student.

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Album
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

Fiction (Young Adult)

Maximum Ride by James Patterson
Variant by Robison Wells
Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson
Matched by Allyson B. Condie
Orleans by Sherri L. Smith
Bridge of Souls by Victoria Schwab

Non-Fiction

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai
Make Your Bed by William McRaven
A Time to Break Silence: The Essential Works of Martin Luther King, Jr. for Students by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Honors English II Students:

Honors students must also read *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak



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Junior Summer Reading

All Juniors must read *Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

In addition to *Call of the Wild*, students must pick one of the following books to read:

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien

Fiction (Young Adult)

The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Any of the *Unwind* series by Neal Shusterman

Nearly Gone by Elle Cosimano

Wonder Woman by Leigh Bardugo

Non-Fiction

Coming Back Stronger: Unleashing the Power of Adversity by Drew Brees

Unbroken (Young Adult Version) by Laura Hillenbrand

The Other Side of Beauty by Leah Darrow

Advanced Placement English III Students:

AP students must also read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald



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Senior Summer Reading

All Seniors must read *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

In addition to *Mere Christianity*, students must pick one of the following books to read:

Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

Emma by Jane Austen

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khalid Hosseini

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Persuasion by Jane Austen

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Evil Under the Sun by Agatha Christie

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Les Misérables (an abridged version) by Victor Hugo

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien

Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben

Fiction (Young Adult)

The Walls Around Us by Nova Ren Suma

The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert

Second Chance Summer by Morgan Matson

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

Non-Fiction

Have a Little Faith: A True Story by Mitch Albom

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan

No Easy Day by Mark Owen and Kevin Maurer

Console Wars: Sega, Nintendo, and the Battle That Defined a Generation by Blake J. Harris

Advanced Placement English IV Students:

AP students must also read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini and *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr