



## St. Michael the Archangel High School

### 2025-2026 Summer Reading List



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](http://www.common sense media.org)) when helping to choose a book appropriate for their student.

#### Freshmen Summer Reading

##### Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
*The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas  
*And Then There Where 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

## **Sophomore Summer Reading**

### **Fiction (Classics and Contemporary)**

*The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

*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

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

*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

## **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

## 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