

SAINT GREGORY'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Seventh & Eighth Grade Summer Reading

Required for students entering 8th Grade:

Into Thin Air Jon Krakauer

In this definitive account of the deadliest season in history of Everest, John Krakauer takes us step-by-step to the mountain's deadly pinnacle, unfolding a breathtaking story that will thrill and terrify.

Required for students entering 7th Grade:

The Hobbit J. R. R. Tolkien

A well-to-do hobbit lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until a wandering wizard chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Students should read 3 of the following books from either list. Other books by listed authors are also acceptable.

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20,000 Leagues under the Sea Jules Verne

This science fiction tale was written in 1869 about an electric submarine and its eccentric captain, and it predicts many of the scientific achievements to follow.

And Then There Were None Agatha Christie

Ten strangers are invited to an island mansion by a host who fails to appear. This is a classic mystery about ten people who each have something to hide and something to fear.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer James L. Swanson

This is a detailed telling of the assassination of President Lincoln and the struggle to catch his killer.

High Heat Carl Deuker

Shane Hunter is a star pitcher for his high school baseball team, but his life takes a sudden turn after his father is accused of a crime.

Monster Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, a 16 year-old boy records his experiences in the form of a movie script as he attempts to understand the course his life has taken.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Alexie Sherman

A creative boy who is a budding cartoonist leaves his troubled school on an Indian reservation to attend a farm-town school where the only other Native American is the school's mascot.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain

An industrious boy and his friend, a runaway slave, travel the Mississippi River by raft, escaping natural and human dangers.

The Killer Angels Michael Shaara

This is a unique and sweeping dramatic re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg and the dreams and futures altered by its destruction.

The Kite Rider Geraldine McCraughan

This is a dazzling story of adventure, betrayal, family, and sacrifice set in the dramatic world of thirteenth-century China.

Where Eagles Dare Alistair Maclean

A team of British Special Forces commandos parachutes into the high peaks of the Austrian Alps with the mission of stealing into an invulnerable alpine castle during World War II.

Suggested for 7th Grade:

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two Joseph Bruchac

Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages in their native tongue during World War II.

Dark Water Rising Marian Hale

This is a fictional account of the hurricane that destroyed Galveston in 1900 incorporated with eye-witness accounts.

Ender's Game Orson Scott Card

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, who spends his childhood at military school in outer space, believes that he is playing computer games when he is actually doing much more.

Fallen Angels Walter Dean Myers

A 17 year-old boy enlists in the Army in order to avoid a dead-end life in Harlem, yet he does not understand what awaits him in Vietnam.

Journey to the Center of the Earth Jules Verne

A team of explorers makes an expedition into a crater in Iceland which leads to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.

Peak Roland Smith

A 14 year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

The Guns of Navarone Alistair Maclean

In order to rescue twelve hundred men from a Mediterranean island, a small raiding party must scale perilous cliffs and destroy a garrison of German guns.

The Outsiders S. E. Hinton

Ponyboy and his brothers struggle through the challenges of losing their parents, and when his best friend kills a member of a rival gang, he is hurled into a turbulent chain of events.

The Pigman Paul Zindel

Two high school sophomores from unhappy homes form a close friendship with a lonely old man with a terrible secret.

Tangerine Edward Bloor

A 12 year-old fights for the right to play soccer despite his bad eyesight and a football-crazy family.