



**St. Gerard's Catholic High School & Regional Middle School
Summer 2020 Reading Program
English Department**

At St. Gerard's, we believe that learning should not be confined to the four walls of a classroom, or the four quarters of a school year. For that reason, we are excited to offer a summer reading program for the 2020 summer.

The purpose of this program is to continue to develop reading skills during the summer months. Reading gives life like no other activity. It gives your brain a different kind of work-out. Reading can help you to manage the emotional ups and downs. Reading can also help you face challenges or obstacles by reading and learning from authors and characters who have overcome similar problems.

Reading about how individuals overcome challenges and obstacle can serve as a model or motivator for you. Reading builds stamina--that is focus and concentration that will help you achieve academically and athletically.

Finally, reading helps in almost every area of intelligence. According to a research those that read have higher GPA's, higher intelligence, and higher knowledge than those who do not. In simple terms--it makes you smarter and keeps you sharp throughout the summer and throughout life. Reading is an outstanding way to inform, educate and inspire. It is an outstanding way to get you where you want to go.

Students from each grade level will be required to read two titles during the summer months of June, July, and August. They will be assessed on their knowledge of those titles during the first week back to school (This is required reading)

The links below are websites where titles can be purchased for a small sum, often less than five dollars. Buying used editions is perfectly acceptable, and even encouraged — you never know what you might learn from someone else's notes.

Please direct questions about the summer reading program to Brian Crowley at bcrowley@stgerardsa.org.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Recommended Online Book Vendors:

abebooks.com *highly recommended*

betterworldbooks.com *highly recommended*

hpb.com (Half-Price Books)

amazon.com

Please read the Titles for the class you will be taking during the 2020-2021 academic year

Academic Year 20-21 English 6th grade students

“Maniac Magee” — Jerry Spinelli (ISBN: 9780590452038)

“When You Reach Me” — Rebecca Stead (ISBN: 9780385737425)

Academic Year 20-21 English 7th grade students

“The Hatcher” — Gary Paulsen (ISBN: 9780545462204)

“Not your Sidekick” — C.B. Lee (ISBN: 9781945053030)

Academic Year 20-21 English 8th grade students

“Freak the Mighty” — Rodman Philbrick (ISBN: 9780439286060)

“Swindle” — Gordan Korman (ISBN: 9780439903455)

Academic Year 20-21 English 9th grade students

“Ready Player One: A Novel” — Ernest Cline (ISBN: 9780307887443)

“Looking for Alaska” — John Green (ISBN: 9780142402511)

Academic Year 20-21 English 10th grade students

“The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” — Mark Twain (ISBN: 9780486400778)

“The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” — Sherman Alexie (ISBN: 9781439572740)

Academic Year 20-21 English 11th grade students

“Ashes of Roses” — Mary Jane Auch (ISBN: 9780440238515)

“The Joy Luck Club” — Amy Tan (ISBN: 9780679727682)

Academic Year 20-21 English 12th grade students

“The Green Mile” — Stephen King (ISBN: 9781501192265)

“The Handmaid’s Tale” — Margaret Atwood (ISBN: 9780099740919)

