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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

To Channel His Spirit for the Glory of God

Hello students and parents!

As the end of the school year approaches, it is time to start looking to summer activities and the 2021-2022 school year. Teurlings Catholic High School requires students to read at least one book over the summer break.

On this page, we have provided a general outline for your quick reference. On the following pages, you will find an explanation and specific details of the TCHS summer reading program. **Please make sure to read ALL pages carefully.**

In Summary:

- Book must have AR UG reading level (pg. 5)
- Book must be 150 pages long

What's due?

- Parent Permission Slip – printed and signed (pg. 3)
- Student Agreement – printed and signed (pg. 4)
- Proof of AR UG reading level – printed (pg. 5)
- [Annotation Guide \(40 points\)](#) [Students - click this when ready to complete]

When is it due?

- The first week of school (Week of August 16, 2021)
- Annotation Guide will be due in Turnitin on the first day of class (40 points). Turnitin information will be given during Orientation.



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Explanation of TCHS Summer Reading Program

Teurlings students moving to 10th, 11th, or 12th grade will be required to read a book of their choosing. The book must be at least 150 pages long. There is also a reading level requirement. Please see the permission sheet (pg. 3) for specific requirements. Students must complete the summer reading annotation guide (link on previous page) in order to receive credit for reading the book. This guide will also be emailed to the students. It is worth 40 points.

Your child will not receive credit for a book he/she has not had approved by a parent or guardian. They will not receive credit for the book if the annotation guide is not completed.

We do not test in the summer. Your child will be testing, discussing, and/or writing about their book in their English class during the first week of school (week of August 16, 2021).

Please encourage your child to read and to approach this project with integrity. In other words, your child's book must be on the student's grade level, and it must be a book the student has never read before. Students are NOT allowed to read any of the books read and taught in TCHS classes without written approval from Ms. Marino (English Department Chairperson). Please see the final page of this document for details.

For the 10th-12th graders, suggested reading lists are readily available online. Of course, many books available to high school readers are not appropriate. Please be sure that your child is reading something that you are comfortable with. AR Book Finder (under the Collections tab) and Common Sense Media both have links available to alert parents to any questionable content in many books. You are the final judge in what is or is not appropriate for your child.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please email Vivica Marino, vmarino@tchs.net.



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Parent Permission Slip--Required Due the first week of the 2021-2022 School Year

_____ has my permission to read _____.
(student first and last name) (title of book)

I understand that books not on the student's reading level also will not be accepted. Books must have an **AR Interest Level of UG (Upper Grades)**.

AR Interest Levels of LG (Lower Grades), MG (Middles Grades), and MG+ (Upper Middle Grades) are **NOT** acceptable.

AR Interest Levels are found at www.arbookfind.com Proof of the AR Interest Level OR written approval from Ms. Marino (English Department Chairperson) is required.

I also understand that students are required to read the book and that watching the movie based on the book will not prepare the student for the assignment. It is suggested students choose a book that has not been made into a movie. If students choose to read a book that has been made into a movie, their assignment will be more difficult in order to ensure the book has in fact been read.

Students must have their own copy of their book.

Books must have a minimum of 150 pages.

This form, proof of the AR Interest Level OR written approval from Ms. Marino, and the annotation guide are due during the first week of the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____



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Student Agreement--Required

Due the first week of the 2021-2022 School Year

TCHS 2021 Summer Reading Program

I, _____, understand that 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students at Teurlings must read at least one book of their choosing over the summer. The book must be at least 150 pages long. I also understand that books not on the student's reading level also will not be accepted.

I, _____, also understand that in order to receive credit for reading the novel, I am required to **complete the summer reading annotation guide**; the book must be at least 150 pages, and it must have an **AR Interest Level of UG**.

AR Interest Level: UG (Upper Grades)

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I have looked at this information and understand the requirements of the Teurlings Summer Reading Program.

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Students must have their own copy of their book.

Books must have a minimum of 150 pages.

This form, proof of the AR Interest Level OR written approval from Ms. Marino, and the summer reading [Annotation Guide](#) are due during the first week of the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Signature _____



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Determining AR Reading Level:

Go to www.arbookfind.com

1. Choose the “student” or “parent” bubble.
2. Type the book title in the search bar and click search.
3. You will see information similar to what is pictured below:
4. Look for “IL.” Next to it, it should read “UG.” If there is “LG” or “MG” next to the Interest Level, this means that this book is for lower grades
5. PRINT the page

[The Hound of the Baskervilles \(Unabridged\)](#)
Doyle, Arthur Conan
AR Quiz No. 5984 EN Fiction
IL: UG - BL: 8.3 - AR Pts: 11.0
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP
Rating: ★★★★★

Sherlock Holmes and Watson set out to solve the mystery that had haunted the Baskerville family for years and had recently occurred again.

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The “IL” (Interest Level) should be “UG” (Upper Grade).



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Books to avoid when selecting your summer reading book:

The following books are taught throughout the year in TCHS English classes.

Students CANNOT read any of these over the summer.

If a student wants to read one of the books listed below, and they will not be required to read it for a class, they can email English Department Chairperson Vivica Marino for written permission. Students will not be given credit for reading one of these books **without this written permission.**

English Novels

Freshmen Summer Reading:

Bluefish (by Pat Schmatz), *Gym Candy* (by Carl Deuker), *The Hiding Place* (by Corrie Ten Boom), *The Age of Miracles* (by Karen Thompson Walker)

Freshmen:

To Kill a Mockingbird (by Harper Lee)

Freshmen Honors:

To Kill a Mockingbird (by Harper Lee), *The House on Mango Street* (by Sandra Cisneros), *A Lesson Before Dying* (by Ernest Gaines)

Sophomores:

Of Mice and Men (by John Steinbeck), *Night* (by Elie Wiesel), *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (by Khaled Hosseini)

Sophomore Honors:

Lord of the Flies (by William Golding), *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* (by Neil Gaiman), *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (by Khaled Hosseini)

Juniors:

Native Son (by Richard Wright), *A Streetcar Named Desire* (by Tennessee Williams), *The Great Gatsby* (by F. Scott Fitzgerald)

Juniors DE:

A Raisin in the Sun (by Lorraine Hansberry)

Seniors:

Animal Farm (by George Orwell), *The Island of Dr. Moreau* (by H.G. Wells), *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (by Robert Louis Stevenson)