

May 18, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer break will begin soon. We know the children are ready for a break from the routine of school. Yet, it is important to engage their minds and keep them sharp for the next level of learning. As a result we have put together a summer reading list for Mary of Nazareth Catholic School middle level students.

We ask that each student read the required book for their level as well as one other book from their grade level list. We suggest that the student read the free choice book first and read the required text second as we will begin the academic year discussing this book. Although students will not be tested on their selected summer reading book, they will write about and discuss each of these books during the first weeks of school. Please use the enclosed worksheets to note characters' names, settings, major plot events, and what they think the book's theme might be. A theme is the central message, concern, or purpose in a literary work. Theme is **not** a summary, but a central idea the author wishes to communicate.

The middle school summer reading list is enclosed and can also be viewed on-line directly at: maryofnazarethschool.org. If your child loses the worksheets needed for each novel, they can also be found on the website.

The books are available through the Carnegie Public Library, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, BN.com, Half-Price Books as well as other places. Students can share copies between one another, borrow them, or purchase them. They may be read on an e-reader or from a traditional book. The point is to read.

Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor as we continue to strive to make Mary of Nazareth Catholic School among the best schools in the Diocese.

Peace and goodness,

Mary of Nazareth Catholic School Middle Level Faculty

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Please sign the attached form indicating that you have read the above information.

I have read the previous letter and understand my child is required to read two novels this summer from the Grade Level Reading List.

Student's name (print)

Parent's name (print)

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