

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School 2017 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 7		
Required Reading		
7th Grade		
<i>The Ransom of Mercy Carter</i>	Cooney, Caroline B.	Historical Fiction
*Read at least one book from the list		
*Read two books of your choosing		
Nonfiction		
<i>1493 for Young People: From Columbus's Voyage to Globalization</i>	Mann, Charles C.	Nonfiction - Mann chronicles the spread of globalization, examining the mingling of the world's ecosystems through travel, trade, colonization, conquest, and migration, from its beginnings in the 15th century to its continued impact in the present day.
<i>Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles</i>	Stone, Tanya Lee	Nonfiction - The story of America's first black paratroopers during World War II.
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	Swanson, James L.	Biography - The pursuit & capture of John Wilkes Booth: across Washington, the swamps of Maryland, and Virginia.
<i>Child Soldier: When Boys and Girls Are Used in War (Graphic Novel)</i>	Humphreys, Jessica Dee and Michel Chikwanine	Biography - Chikwanine chronicles the harrowing tale of his kidnapping at age five in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including the horrors of life as a child soldier. A graphic-novel biography.
<i>Plot to Kill Hitler, The: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero</i>	McCormick, Patricia	Biography - The story of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's brief but notable life is related in the context of his resistance to the Nazis and association with the 1944 plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.
<i>Extraordinary Suzy Wright, The: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier</i>	Kanefield, Teri	Biography - Wright, a Quaker living in 1714 Pennsylvania, exerted an amazing amount of influence for a woman of her time, practicing law, corresponding with politicians and running a successful business.
<i>Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse</i>	Reef, Catherine	Biography - An insightful look into the complex life and work of Florence Nightingale and the times in which she lived.

<i>Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure</i>	Murphy, Jim	Nonfiction - This is the story of a killer that has been striking people down for thousands of years: tuberculosis.
<i>In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives</i>	Davis, Kenneth C.	Nonfiction - The lives of five enslaved people owned by four U.S. presidents reveal the contradictions of a land founded upon the idea of freedom.
<i>Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot</i>	Montgomery, Sy	Nonfiction - Story of the last ninety-one kakapo parrots on earth and the efforts of a team of humans to save them.
<i>Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of Our Nation's Capital</i>	Bolden, Tanya	Nonfiction - In the 1800's shipbuilder and slave Michael Shiner bought his freedom and educated himself. His journal gives us a unique perspective of Washington, D.C.'s history to 1880.
<i>Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West.</i>	Fleming, Candace	Biography - Fleming digs for truth behind the myth of showman William "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the development of the Wild West, and the treatment of the American Indians during late nineteenth century.
<i>Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's Atomic Bomb</i>	Bascomb, Neal	Nonfiction - An isolated factory in Nazi-occupied Norway is an important link in a plan to deliver a nuclear weapon for Hitler until Norwegian resistance fighters embark on a dangerous mission to stop it.
<i>Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West</i>	Fleischman, Sib	Biography - A biography of Mark Twain (who began life under a different name); a great American author and humorist.
<i>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i>	Sheinkin, Steve	Nonfiction - Story of athlete Jim Thorpe, taken from his family and sent to boarding school where he discovered his prowess in football. His legendary team transformed the game all the while facing tremendous racism.
<i>Way Things Work Now, The</i>	Macauley, David	Nonfiction - Explainer-in-Chief David Macaulay updates the worldwide bestseller <i>The New Way Things Work</i> to capture the latest developments in the technology that most impacts our lives.
<i>We Were There Too! Young People in US History</i>	Hoose, Philip	Nonfiction - Journals, interviews, and other first-person accounts tell the stories of young people who played a role in US History.
<i>Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem</i>	Schanzer, Rosalyn	Nonfiction - In 1692 Salem, girls convulse & blame witches in the community. The "witches" are then tried and hung.
Fiction		
<i>Addie on the Inside</i>	Howe, James	Realistic Fiction - Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates the seventh grade.

<i>Akata Witch</i>	Okorafor, Nnedi	Fantasy - Twelve-year-old, American-born, Sunny lives in Nigeria. Though her features are African, but she's albino. There seems to be no place where she fits in. And then she discovers something amazing—she is a "free agent" with latent magical power.
<i>All the Broken Pieces</i>	Burg, Ann E.	Historical Fiction - Matt Pin was airlifted out of Vietnam and adopted, but his nightmares & his past keep him broken.
<i>Ballad of a Broken Nose, The</i>	Svingen, Arne	Realistic Fiction - Seventh-grader Bart has a difficult home life but finds hope in his secret love of opera.
<i>Baseball Genius</i>	Green, Tim	Sports Fiction - Jalen DeLuca loves baseball but his family can't afford keeping him on the traveling team. So Jalen decides to take matters into his own hands and steals a couple balls from New York Yankee's star second baseman, James Yager.
<i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i>	Wolk, Jennifer	Realistic Fiction - Twelve-year-old Crow was abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old. Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor. When a mysterious fire appears across the water, Crow sets off on an effort to discover where she came from.
<i>Book Scavenger series</i>	Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss	Mystery - Riddles in an online book-finding game put young cipher sleuths Emily and James on the trail of both buried treasure and a vengeful arsonist.
<i>Braced</i>	Gerber, Alyson	Realistic Fiction - Rachel Brooks had such high hopes for the new school year, but when her scoliosis doctor tells her that she needs to wear a back brace twenty-three hours a day, she is crestfallen. The brace changes how everyone sees her, but the biggest change of all may lie in how she sees herself.
<i>Bronze and Sunflower</i>	Wenxuan, Cao	Historical Fiction - Set during China's Cultural Revolution (1960s-70s), this follows the trials and tribulations of a poor, rural family and two children, Bronze and Sunflower.
<i>Brotherhood</i>	Westrick, A. B.	Historical Fiction - The year is 1867, and the South has lost the Civil War. Those on the lowest rungs, like Shad's family, fear that the freed slaves will take the few jobs available. In this climate of despair and fear, a group has formed. Today we know it as the KKK.
<i>Case of the Forked Road, The (Bad Machinery series/Graphic novel series)</i>	Alison, John	Mystery - In this seventh installment, the sleuths from Griswold's Grammar School unravel yet another case involving a mysterious portal and a time-bending troublemaker.

<i>Countdown (Sixties Trilogy)</i>	Wiles, Deborah	Historical Fiction - Franny Chapman just wants some peace. But that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Worst of all, everyone is walking around just waiting for a bomb to fall.
<i>Cloud and Wallfish</i>	Nesbet, Anne	Historical Fiction - Noah is whisked by his parents to a new life behind the Iron Curtain in 1989 East Germany. Mystery, intrigue, and friendship interweave as he questions everything he knows and loves.
<i>Every Single Second</i>	Springstubb, Tricia	Realistic Fiction - A friendship shifts when a fatal mistake tears apart a community and plunges a family into a whirlwind of harsh publicity.
<i>Face Like Glass, A</i>	Hardinge, Frances	Fantasy - In the underground city of Caverna craftsmen are skilled at deception, and the faces of the people are expressionless. Neverfell is a girl with no memory of her past and a face of uncontrollable emotion, which means that she alone cannot lie.
<i>Frogkisser!</i>	Nix, Garth	Fantasy - A reluctant younger princess' mission to restore her sister's suitor to his human form, soon develops into an even more reluctant quest to take down her evil stepstepfather.
<i>Gods & Warriors</i>	Paver, Michelle	Fantasy - Young Hylas is hunted by warriors who want him & his sister dead. Hylas must found out why and then stop them.
<i>Great Trouble, The</i>	Hopkinson, Deborah	Historical Fiction - Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.
<i>Howl's Moving Castle</i>	Wynne Jones, Diana	Fantasy - Sophie is the eldest of three daughters, which means she's destined to fail miserably should she ever attempt to find her fortune. But when she finds herself under a spell that transforms her into an old lady, her only chance at breaking it lies in the ever-moving castle in the hills and the mysterious Wizard Howl.
<i>I Kill the Mockingbird</i>	Acampora, Paul	Fiction - The story of three best friends who, before their freshman year, turn the world of required reading on its head. Laugh-out-loud humor with tech-savvy, literate protagonists.
<i>Invisible Lines</i>	Amato, Mary	Realistic Fiction - Trevor is funny, he can draw & play soccer, but will his family's poverty hold him down in his new school?
<i>Journey to Dragon Island, The (Accidental Pirates)</i>	Fayers, Claire	Fantasy - Visions of dragons, treasure, and glory lead swashbuckling Capt. Cassie O'Pia and her doughty pirate crew into deadly waters.
<i>Last Dragonslayer, The</i>	Fforde, Jasper	Fantasy - Magic is fading in the world and so are dragons. Big magic is coming, but will it help Jennifer save the last dragon?

<i>Matched (series)</i>	Condie, Ally	Dystopia - Society makes Cassia's choices. All is well until they make a mistake, or is she part of a larger experiment?
<i>Murderer's Ape, The</i>	Wegelius, Jakob	Fiction - Sally Jones is an extraordinary gorilla, working aboard a cargo boat as an engineer with her true friend, the Chief. When a job they are offered ends badly, the Chief is falsely convicted of murder and it is up to Sally Jones to clear his name.
<i>Orphan Island</i>	Snyder, Laurel	Fiction - Nine children live on the island where everything is perfect. Only one thing ever changes: each year, a boat appears on the waters, carrying one child to join them and taking the eldest one away, never to be seen again.
<i>Posted</i>	Anderson, John David	When cell phones are banned at at their school, Frost and his friends start leaving sticky notes for each other. Soon all the kids in school are leaving notes—some thoughtful and kind and others, not so nice.
<i>Scar Island</i>	Gemeinhart, Dan	Fiction - Jonathan Grisby is the newest arrival at the Slabhenge Reformatory School for Troubled Boys, a remote prison in a remote area on the sea. When an accident leaves the boys free, with the whole island to themselves, Jonathan must come to terms with his crimes before it is too late.
<i>Saving Baby Doe</i>	Vigilane, Danette	Realistic Fiction - When best friends Lionel and Anisa find and save an abandoned baby, the fallout threatens to tear their relationship apart
<i>Seventh Most Important Thing, The</i>	Pearsall, Shelley	Realistic Fiction - After throwing a brick at the Junk Man's head, 13-year-old Arthur is sentenced to assist him. Little does he know that the junk he collects is part of a significant work of art.
<i>Shadow Hero</i>	Yang, Gene Leun	Graphic Novel - A young Chinese-American man becomes a superhero to defend his dad from extortion schemes and bring American justice to old-world Chinese thugs. A classic golden-era superhero tale.
<i>Smek for President</i>	Rex, Adam	Fantasy - Gratuity Tucci and her alien friend, J.Lo, journey to New Boovworld, one of Saturn's moons, to clear J.Lo's name after a string of misunderstandings
<i>Speed of Life</i>	Weston, Carol	Realistic Fiction - With the first anniversary of her mother's death quickly approaching, 14-year-old Sofia turns to advice columnist "Dear Kate" for answers, but things get tricky when her father's new girlfriend turns out to be Kate herself.
<i>Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth (graphic novel)</i>	Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Fiction - Prez is a kid trying to fit into his new home. Sputnik is an alien, shaped like a dog, who recruit Prez for an important mission. The Earth has been marked for destruciton. Together they must find reasons why the Earth should be saved.

<i>Thirteenth Child, The (Frontier Magic series)</i>	Wrede, Patricia C.	Fantasy - Set in an alternate history of westward expansion, this is the story of Eff, the thirteenth child, whose very presence is said to bring bad luck. When her family moves to the frontier, close to the magical divide that separates the settlers from the wild beasts, misfortune could mean things worse than Eff could ever imagine.
<i>Time to Dance, A (novel in verse)</i>	Venkatraman, Padma	Realistic Fiction - In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.
<i>Train I Ride</i>	Moiser, Paul	Realistic Fiction - When her grandmother dies, Rydr is put on a train to Chicago to live with a relative. On the road, encounters with strangers help her come to terms with life.
<i>True Legend</i>	Lupica, Mike	Sports Fiction - True has a talent on the court that makes him a legend, but when he buys into the hype trouble is everywhere.
<i>York: The Shadow Cipher</i>	Ruby, Laura	Steampunk - Three friends must find the keys to the mystery in the Old York Cipher, a puzzle laid into the city itself, before a real estate developer destroys their only chance to be solved.
<i>Warden's Daughter, The</i>	Spinelli, Jerry	Fiction - Cammie O'Reilly, the warden's motherless daughter, reminisces over the summer of her 13th birthday, when she tried to turn Eloda, a prisoner trustee into a mother figure.
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