

**Our Lady of Good Counsel School**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List**  
**2019**

<b>Required Reading for all rising 7th Graders (must be read):</b>	
<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
<i>The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Daniel James Brown

<b>Additional Suggested Reading Ideas for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (must read 2 additional books; these are suggestions):</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Reader's Edition)	Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick	800-900
<i>Things Not Seen</i>	Andrew Clements	800 - 999
<i>PEAK</i>	Roland Smith	800 - 999
<i>The Giver</i>	Lois Lowry	800 - 999
<i>Night of the Howling Dogs</i>	Graham Salisbury	800 - 999
<i>The Westing Game</i>	Ellen Raskin	800 - 999
<i>Stealing Freedom</i>	Elisa Carbone	800 - 999
<i>The Black Stallion</i>	Walter Farley	800 - 999
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	James L. Swanson	1000-1200
<i>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</i>	Laurie King	1000-1200
<i>Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different</i>	Karen Blumenthal	1000-1200
<i>Washington at Valley Forge</i>	Russell Freedman	1200+
<i>His Majesty's Dragon</i>	Maomi Novik	1200+
<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho	1200+
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J. R. R. Tolkien:	1200+

**Information about Summer Reading Assignments:**

**Required: *The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition)* by Daniel James Brown**

*The Boys in the Boat* is a required reading. Please note that a short reading comprehension quiz on this book will be given on the first day of school. Students are required to have a copy of *The Boys in the Boat* to use in class starting on the second day of school. Students will be expected to complete in-class assignments on the novel during the first week.

**Suggested: Read 2 additional books for a total of 3 books read during the summer.** The above list has some suggested books you may choose from. Students are encouraged to pursue their own interests in their summer reading. When selecting a second book, please keep in mind that it is grade-level appropriate in terms of content and challenge, and also supports the faith and belief of Catholic values. Other resources for book suggestions are: [www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com), [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com), the local librarian, or a favorite bookstore. Parents may also opt to use their student's Scantron data (more specifically, the Lexile score on the student's reading test) from the 2018/2019 school year to select a book that is appropriately challenging for the student. Parents and students may search for books by Lexile score at [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com). For the choice

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reading, students should choose a book that is the original work (no illustrated classics or abridged versions) and one that they have not previously read.

*Note that with the choice reading assignment, parents are ultimately responsible for approval of the content of the book selected by the student. Thank you!*