

# CENTRAL CATHOLIC JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

## SUMMER READING LIST

Greetings from the Central Catholic English Department!

It is time for CC's Summer Reading Project for 2009.

Why read over the summer when you have so many other activities?

Not only can it increase your vocabulary and general reading skills, it can also lead to an enjoyable pastime that can make you an interesting, articulate adult. Here is what the National Council of Teachers of English has to say on its website:

*Why read and write beyond the classroom?*

*Research tells us that children and teens who don't read and write outside of school, especially during long breaks such as summer vacation, face a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who do continue learning all year long. This means the summer months and other breaks from school offer wonderful opportunities for families, caregivers, and out-of-school educators to help improve reading and writing.*

Here are the novels chosen by the English Department teachers:

For the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

Choose one of the following:

*Fever, 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson ISBN: 978-0-689-84891-9

*The Teacher's Funeral* by Richard Peck ISBN: 0-14-240507-8

For the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade:

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

For the incoming freshmen:

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell

For the incoming sophomores:

Choose one of the following:

*Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

*Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenrich

*Into the Wild* by John Krakaur

For the incoming juniors and seniors:

Choose one of the following:

*Empire Falls* - by Richard Russo –

*East of Eden* by John Steinbeck –  
*Breathing Lessons* – Anne Tyler –  
*The Poisonwood Bible* – Barbara Kingsolver –  
*Like Water For Chocolate* - Laura Esquivel –  
*Daughter of Fortune* – Isabel Allende –  
*The Bonesetter's Daughter*– Amy Tan  
*The Memory of Running* – Ron McLarty  
*A Confederacy of Dunces* – John Kennedy Toole  
*Things Fall Apart* – Chinua Achebe  
*O! Pioneers* – Willa Cather  
*One Hundred Secret Senses* – Amy Tan

(The book report for this is attached to the handout which the students received.)

Have a good summer and read a good book!