

FAITH HERITAGE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

For students heading into grades 8 through 12, two summer reading books must be completed by the first week of school; incoming 7th graders just need to read one. [Select seniors (in ENG103/104) will they have a separate list and different requirements.] For each grade level 8-12 you will notice there is one required book, and then a second book must be selected from the short list that follows. We encourage you to acquire copies of the books early, so you have plenty of time to read them! Some of them may be more difficult to find than others.

7th Grade

Pick 1 of the following:

Restart, Gordon Korman

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, Dusti Bowling

8th Grade

Required:

Refugee, Alan Gratz

Pick 1 of the following:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain

Anne of Green Gables, Lucy Maud Montgomery

9th Grade

Required:

Salt to the Sea, Ruta Sepetys

Pick 1 of the following:

The Outsiders, S. E. Hinton

Flipped, Wendelin Van Draanen

10th Grade

Required:

A Mind for God, James Emery White

Pick 1 of the following:

As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow, Zoulfa Katouh

The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

11th Grade

Required:

The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald

Pick 1 of the following:

Black Like Me, John Howard Griffin

The Poisonwood Bible, Barbara Kingsolver

12th Grade

Required:

Lord of the Flies, William Golding

Pick 1 of the following:

The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer

[*Please note that seniors who are taking the OCC dual enrollment class have a separate reading list that has already been distributed to them; therefore, they should *not* read the books listed in this section.]