



Seton Catholic School
Summer Reading Program
For Students Entering 6th – 8th Grade
Summer 2017



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research tells us that students need to read during the summer to *maintain* their independent reading levels. In the fall, the impact of a student *not* having read during the summer months, combined with the fact that many of his or her classmates *did* read during the summer, may result in a reading ability gap that could potentially widen each year, making it difficult for students to keep up with grade level reading expectations.

With this in mind, we are excited to launch our new *Summer Reading Program* and provide our students with lists of books that appeal to many different interests. We hope that your child will look forward to reading this summer and take the opportunity to engage in many rich and rewarding opportunities to discover books they will truly enjoy.

- **Students are required to read 2 books from the appropriate list.**
- Students will keep a reading log, listing the title and the author of each book they read. A copy of a grade appropriate reading log is provided and may be downloaded from our website.
- Students will present a *book talk* for their class. Classroom teachers will work with their students to schedule these book talks sometime during the first few weeks of school. A detailed description of a book talk is available in the *Summer Reading* section of our website at www.setonschool.com.

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 6th - 8th grade to be actively involved in the book selection process by reviewing and approving the books that students select. **With parental approval your child may select books that are not on the lists to fulfill the summer reading assignment.**

With your support and enthusiasm we want to make this a summer that helps your child *fall in love with reading!* We hope that by providing lists of suggested books that include many titles and authors, by eliminating any written assignment, and by encouraging parents to select and approve books that are not on the list, our students will read many, many books this summer. The door is open for you and your child to choose from fiction, non-fiction, informational, how-to-books, in print or eBook versions. Help your child see the summer as a time when they can dive into books that feed their imagination and special interests.

The lists of books for each grade level, a reading log that may be downloaded, and a detailed description of a 'book talk' are all available in the *Summer Reading* section of our website. Also included are grade level *Summer Literacy Calendars* for June and July with suggested activities for you and your family to enjoy. (These activities are optional – they are provided as a resource for your consideration.)

Best wishes and God's blessings for a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Seton's Summer Reading Committee

