

INCOMING ELEVENTH GRADE: SUMMER READING LIST

- Anderson, M. T. The Astonishing life of Octavian Nothing FANTASY
Various diaries, letters and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian from birth to age sixteen as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.
- Beals, Melba Warriors Don't Cry BIOGRAPHY
A searing memoir by one of the nine African-American students who in 1957 first integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Bradley, Marion Zimmer Mists of Avalon FANTASY
A feminist version of the King Arthur story.
- Brooks, Terry Sword of Shannara FANTASY
An epic fantasy of gnomes, trolls, and elves in which a simple man is pitted against the greatest power of evil the world has known.
- Bryson, Bill A Walk in the Woods NON-FICTION
Bryson shares his adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail with a childhood friend as they encounter eccentric characters, a blizzard and getting lost.
- Butler, Octavia E. Kindred NOVEL
While celebrating her birthday an African-American woman is spirited away from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South.
- Card, Orson Scott Ender's Game SCIENCE FICTION
In a world decimated by alien attacks, the government trains Wiggins Enders in military strategy using complex computer games.
- Casey, Susan Devil's Teeth NON-FICTION
"A true story of obsession and survival among America's great white sharks."
- Chambers, Aidan Postcards from No Man's Land NOVEL
Alternating stories, one set in 1944 when a young Dutch teenager falls in love with a wounded British soldier, and the other a contemporary story of the same soldier's grandson who is now in Amsterdam to visit the grave of the grandfather he has never known.
- Codell, Esme Raji Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year
BIOGRAPHY
A funny, hip diary that tells about the emotional highs and lows of a first-year teacher.
- Coman, Carolyn Many Stones NOVEL

After the death of her adored older sister, Berry begins her own journey of reconciliation on a trip to South Africa with her father.

- Conley, Dalton Honky BIOGRAPHY
A frank, funny and honest story of growing up white in a mainly black and Hispanic housing project in New York.
- Conroy, Pat My Losing Season BIOGRAPHY
Conroy takes us through his last season playing point guard on the Citadel Bulldogs basketball team.
- Corwin, Miles Killing Season NON-FICTION
The author chronicles the seven months he spent observing the lives of Los Angeles Police Department detectives.
- Crutcher, Chris Whale Talk NOVEL
Led by an athletic loner, members of a high school swim team without a pool, Bond together and manage to get team jackets over the objections of the coaches of the other school sports.
- Danticat, Edwige Breath, Eyes, Memory NOVEL
A young Haitian immigrant moves to New York to be with her single mother.
- Dominick, Andie Needles BIOGRAPHY
Dominick and her sister grow up with juvenile diabetes.
- Dorris, Michael Broken Cord NON-FICTION
Writer Dorris adopts a Native-American child who is diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome.
- Draper, Sharon The Battle of Jericho NOVEL
At first 16-year-old Jericho is psyched when he and his cousin are invited to join an exclusive high school club, but as the initiation rites grow increasingly humiliating, he begins to question his choice.
- Edwards, Kim The Memory Keeper's Daughter NOVEL
A doctor's decision to secretly send his newborn daughter who has Down's Syndrome to an institution haunts everyone involved.
- Ehrenhaft, Daniel Drawing a Blank: or, How I Tried to Solve a Mystery, End a Feud, and Land the Girl of My Dreams. NOVEL
Carlton Dunne IV, an outcast boarding school student with a secret identity as a graphic novelist, teams up with a beautiful girl who yearns to be an American police officer to resolve an ancient feud and rescue Carlton's kidnapped father.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara** **Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) getting by in Boom-Time America** **NON-FICTION**
 Ehrenreich spends a year trying to discover if an individual can survive working at a minimum wage job.
- Gaiman, Neil** **Neverwhere** **FANTASY**
 Richard Mayhew discovers a dark subculture flourishing in abandoned subway stations and sewer tunnels below the city.
- Gibson, William** **Neuromancer** **SCIENCE FICTION**
 Case was the hottest surfer on the information highway, plugging his consciousness directly into the web, until he crossed the wrong people, and the talent was burned out of his brain, leaving him trapped in his physical body.
- Giles, Gail** **Shattering Glass** **NOVEL**
 Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, decides to turn the class nerd into Prince Charming.
- Gilstrap, John** **At All Costs** **NOVEL**
 After living undercover for years, Jake and Carolyn Brighton are on the run again because the FBI has discovered their whereabouts.
- Gladwell, Malcolm** **The Tipping Point** **NON-FICTION**
 A study of social epidemics otherwise known as fads.
- Grealy, Lucy** **Autobiography of a Face** **BIOGRAPHY**
 An award winning poet recalls her childhood experience with a potentially terminal cancer that required she have a part of her jaw removed and the suffering she endured afterwards because of her appearance.
- Hautman, Pete** **Rash** **SCIENCE FICTION**
 In a future society that has decided it would “rather be safe than free,” sixteen-year-old Bo’s anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork.
- Hopkins, Ellen** **Impulse** **NOVEL IN VERSE**
 Told in alternating free-verse narratives, this novel shares the story of three teens who meet in a psychiatric treatment facility after each attempts suicide.
- Jenkins, A.M.** **Damage** **NOVEL**
 Star senior football player Austin seems to have it all—looks, brains, friends, girls—but none of it seems to make life worth living.
- Johnson, Angela** **The First Part Last** **NOVEL**
 Bobby’s carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

- Kettleworth, Caroline** **Electric Dreams** **NON-FICTION**
 In response to a power company contest, a group of determined students convert a 1985 Ford Escort into an electric vehicle.
- King, Stephen** **Cell** **NOVEL**
 People are going berserk while using their cell phones.
- Klass, David** **California Blue** **NOVEL**
 A high school track runner discovers a rare butterfly whose existence threatens the lumber job of his father.
- Kolata, Gina** **Flu** **NON-FICTION**
 Recounts the story of the influenza pandemic of 1918 and the search for the virus that caused it.
- Kress, Nancy** **Beggars in Spain** **SCIENCE FICTION**
 People genetically engineered to be physically and mentally superior are oppressed by the normal population who fear them.
- Lanier, Shannon** **Jefferson's Children** **NON-FICTION**
 President Thomas Jefferson fathered two families—one black, one white. The two sides are brought together by a determined descendent in this story about family, identity and secrets revealed.
- Larson, Eric** **Isaac's Storm** **NON-FICTION**
 An account of the September 1900 hurricane in Galveston, Texas that killed more than 6,000 people.
- Lewis, Michael** **Moneyball** **NON-FICTION**
 The manager of the Oakland A's had a problem: how to win in the Major Leagues with a budget that's smaller than that of nearly every other baseball team.
- Lynch, Chris** **Inexcusable** **NOVEL**
 Keir, a high school senior accused of date rape, recounts his version of events.
- Maas, Peter** **The Terrible Hours** **NON-FICTION**
 Recounts the story of the greatest submarine rescue in history.
- Martinez, A. Lee** **Gil's All Fright Diner** **FANTASY**
 The manager of Gil's All Night Diner asks customers Duke and Earl to lend her some assistance against an onslaught of zombies.
- McGough, Matthew** **Bat Boy** **BIOGRAPHY**
 McGough relates his transforming experiences as a bat boy with the New York Yankees.

Miller, Logan and Noah Miller Either You're in or You're in the Way NONFICTION
Two brothers describe the making of their film "Touching Hope."

Miller, Mary Beth Aimee: A Novel NOVEL
Zoe, a high school senior, struggles to survive the aftermath of the suicide of her best friend Aimee, and her own murder trial for her role in the incident.

Myers, Walter Dean The Beast NOVEL
A visit to his Harlem neighborhood and the discovery that the girl he loves is using drugs gives sixteen-year-old Anthony a new perspective on his home.

Norman, Elizabeth We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese. NON-FICTION
Nurses are held captive in the jungles of the Philippines in this harrowing World War II tale.

Obama, Barak Dreams from My Father BIOGRAPHY
The son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American.

O'Connor Ian The Jump BIOGRAPHY
Relates the story of Sebastian Telfair, high school basketball phenomenon, who skips college to go directly into the NBA.

O'Connor, Sandra Day Lazy B BIOGRAPHY
Former Supreme Justice O'Connor describes her childhood growing up on a cattle ranch in the American southwest.

Otsuka, Julie When the Emperor Was Divine NOVEL
In alternating points of view the author tells of a Japanese family's internment during World War Two.

Parker, Robert Early Autumn NOVEL
A private detective becomes a surrogate father to a teenage boy.

Picoult, Jodi Nineteen Minutes NOVEL
The aftermath of a high school shooting reveals the fault lines in a small New Hampshire town.

Porter, Connie Imani All Mine NOVEL
After a rape leaves her pregnant, Tasha struggles to raise her baby.

Ralston, Aron Between a Rock and a Hard Place BIOGRAPHY
Extraordinary story of a hiker who survives for six days after his arm becomes lodged under a boulder.

- Reed, Kit Thinner Than Thou NOVEL
 Rev. Earl's luxury spa, Sylphania, is the rage for those with severe eating disorders until Jeremy Devlin enters and discovers the dark secrets at the core of Earl's empire.
- Royte, Elizabeth Garbage Land NON-FICTION
 Riveting account of what really happens to our garbage.
- Ryan, Joan Little Girls in Pretty Boxes NON-FICTION
 Exposes the truth behind the training of elite gymnasts and figure skaters.
- Salzman, Mark True Notebooks NON-FICTION
 Salzman is invited to teach a writing class at Central Juvenile Hall, a lockup for Los Angeles's most violent teenage offenders.
- Sebold, Alice The Lovely Bones NOVEL
 A murdered teen watches over her grieving family from heaven.
- Silverstein, Ken The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor NON-FICTION
 David Hahn, the Michigan teenager who built a nuclear breeder reactor in his backyard in 1994, endangers the residents of his hometown and raises the ire of the federal government.
- Soto, Gary Buried Onions NOVEL
 When Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violent neighborhood.
- Stark, Peter Last Breath: Cautionary Tales for the Limits of Human Endurance
 NON-FICTION
 Reenacts what happens in our bodies and our minds when the thrill of extreme sports crosses the line to mortal peril.
- Summer, Lauralee Learning Joy from Dogs Without Collars BIOGRAPHY
 Summer recounts her remarkable journey from homeless shelters, temporary housing, and welfare hotels to the halls of Harvard on a wrestling scholarship.
- Trumbo, Dalton Johnny Got His Gun NOVEL
 A young soldier is horribly mutilated in battle in this searing indictment of war.
- Vijayaraghavan, Vinieta Motherland NOVEL
 Maya, who has lived in America since early childhood, spends a summer in India with relatives and begins to reconsider her ideas about arranged marriages and the role of women.

Westerfield, Scott

So Yesterday

NOVEL

Hunter Braue, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is “cool,” combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen’s creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

Wolfe, Tom

Electric Kool Acid Test

NON-FICTION

Tom Wolfe travels with Ken Kesey and his Merry Pranksters as they tour America in the first psychedelic bus.

Wolff, Tobias

Old School

NOVEL

A teenage boy is determined to fit in at any cost at his fancy New England prep school.