

# **Saint John Neumann Regional Academy 2025 High School Summer Reading SUMMER READING EXPECTATIONS & BOOK CLUB CALENDAR**

Dear SJNRA High School Parents,

This summer incoming High School students will have required readings per grade level for their English courses that are part of their SJNRA Summer expectations.

To support our High School students we will host two Summer Book Club discussion days—once in June and once in July. Administrators and teachers will offer to gather with students twice in person to discuss these novels together, share summer stories with classmates, grill food out on the front lawn, play some games, and answer any questions that students may have. Upon returning to school, students will be tested for the novels read during the summer months and their understanding of the texts.

We know that summer can be a busy time for high school students over the summer so if this “check-in” date does not work with your student, have them call the High School office to speak to a teacher, counselor, or administrator. They are always able to send an email to Mrs. McNamee [amcnamee@sjnra.org](mailto:amcnamee@sjnra.org), Dr. Greevy [cgreevy@sjnra.org](mailto:cgreevy@sjnra.org), or Mrs. McPherson [jmcpherson@sjnra.org](mailto:jmcpherson@sjnra.org).

You will see that the novels, short stories and poems assigned are listed on the back of this letter. Assigned readings vary by courses. Copies of the novels can be picked up at SJN office, the James V. Brown library, or bought from our local-reading partner Otto Book Store, ordered from Amazon, or found on the public domain on the internet.

Any questions please reach out to Dr. Greevy at the High School offices during the summer months. Again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation during the school year and happy summer.

Sincerely,

*Alisia McNamee*

Mrs. Alisia McNamee, Principal

*Chad Greevy, Ed.D.*

Dr. Chad Greevy, Assistant Principal/  
Curriculum Director

**BOOK CLUB DATE #1:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24 from 10:30-12:30 p.m.**

- Review the first ½ of your Novel;
- HS 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> #2 assigned reading done
- Cookout, Lawn Games & Prizes!!!

**BOOK CLUB DATE #2:**

**TUESDAY, JULY 29 from 10:30-12:30 p.m.**

- Review the second ½ of your Novel;
- HS finish have all #2, #3, & #4 readings
- Cookout, Games, & Prizes!!!



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### Grades 6-12 Summer Reading List

Saint John Neumann Middle School and High School students are required to read the assigned novels and poetry over the summer for their incoming grade level. A student's SY25-26 specifically scheduled course has summer readings listed below. Upon return to school, assessments & thematic units will use these resources during the first marking period of the 2025-2026 school year.

12 Grade (English 4)	Semester 1: Penn College Dual Enrollment: English 111 Semester 2: SJNRA British & World Literature Honors <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Great Expectations novel by Charles Dickens</li><li>2. The following short stories from Dubliners by James Joyce: "Araby," "Eveline," "A Painful Case," "The Boarding House," and "The Dead"</li><li>3. "Yesterday" lyrics by Paul McCartney</li><li>4. With Additional AP coursework available July 7, 2025</li></ol>
12 Grade	Full Year: English 4- British & World Literature Honors or Academic <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Great Expectations novel by Charles Dickens</li><li>2. "Araby" and "The Dead" short stories by James Joyce</li><li>3. "Yesterday" lyrics by Paul McCartney</li></ol>
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	AP Language and Composition <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Catcher In the Rye novel by J.D. Sallinger</li><li>2. "Paul's Case" short story by Willa Cather</li><li>3. "The Veldt" short story by Ray Bradbury</li><li>4. "Summertime" lyrics by George Gershwin</li><li>5. With Additional AP coursework available July 7, 2025</li></ol>
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Full Year: English 3- American Literature Honors or Academic <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Catcher In the Rye novel by J.D. Sallinger</li><li>2. "Paul's Case" short story by Willa Cather</li><li>3. "Summertime" lyrics by George Gershwin</li></ol>
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	SJN English 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Pearl short story by John Steinbeck</li><li>2. "Danny Deaver" poem by Rudyard Kipling</li></ol>
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	SJN English 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Cay by novel Timothy Taylor</li><li>2. "On the Pulse of Morning" poem by Maya Angelo</li></ol>
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hidden Child by novel Isaac Millman</li><li>2. "We Real Cool" poem by Gwendolin Brookes</li></ol>
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Boy in Striped Pajamas novel by John Boyne</li><li>2. "Cremation of Sam McGee" poem by Robert Service</li></ol>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Number the Stars novel by Lois Lowry</li><li>2. "Casey at Bat" poem by Ernest Thayer</li></ol>