

## Summer Reading List St. John the Evangelist Honors Classes

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Night* by Elie Wiesel

1. Students will have a test over the novels (20-25 multiple choice questions) when they return to school.
  2. Students should write a half-page (typed) analysis of a quote that contributed to the larger themes, overall meaning, and author's purpose. Students will read their half-page analyses orally to the class when they return (250 - 350 words)..
  3. We will go in-depth on analyzing the novels – author, narrative technique, setting, major characters, symbols, irony, themes, and author's purpose. Students will write a longer, more formal analysis of the novel (2-3 pages) in class. **The longer essay does not have to be written over the summer.** We will work on the long essay in class.
  4. Students must score at least a 70% on the test or they will not be allowed to do numbers 2 or 3 above. The result of two zeroes will hurt their first quarter grade in Honors Reading.
- I have copies of the books in my room; students can check them out over the summer or buy their own copies. Most of these novels can be found online for free. Type in the novel title then “text” or “PDF”. They are often available for a dollar or two at a used book store or on Amazon. Students should keep an index card on each book so as not to forget major characters and details, which I may ask on the test. If you are a fast reader, read the books near the start of the school year in August, so you remember the details of the book better, but don't wait too long to read them! You can also review the novels on Sparknotes before the start of school.