

Brother Martin High School SUMMER READING 2015

ALL students must choose ONE book from a list, based on the student's grade level for the 2015-2016 school year, to read over the summer. During the first week of school in August, students will take a test on the book they read. The score on this test will count 5% of the first quarter grade in the course to which the book is linked. These linked courses are listed after the description of each of the books.

Students in Honors and AP classes in English and in Social Studies will have ADDITIONAL required readings. These titles are included at the end of this document.

All books are available through MBS Direct, our online bookseller, at mbsdirect.net.

Students in 8th – 9th grades will choose one book from the following titles:

Skink: No Surrender by Carl Hiassen. This novel centers around a high school boy who travels with an eco-vigilante to rescue a young woman who has disappeared with a man she met on the internet. The action is fast-paced and funny. The novel underscores internet safety, ecological preservation, and the commitment to truth telling. Students who like high adventure and survival stories will enjoy this romp through the backwoods and swamps of Florida. **[Linked to SCIENCE class]**

The Accidental Highwayman by Ben Tripp. *The Accidental Highwayman* is the first swashbuckling adventure set in eighteenth century England. Young Christopher "Kit" Bristol is the unwitting servant of notorious highwayman Whistling Jack. One dark night, Kit finds his master bleeding from a mortal wound, dons the man's riding cloak to seek help, and changes the course of his life forever. Fans of classic fairytale fantasies will find much to love in this irresistible YA debut by Ben Tripp. **[Linked to ENGLISH class]**

The Last Thing I Remember by Andrew Klavan. Charlie West went to bed an ordinary high school student. He woke up strapped to a chair, covered in blood and bruises. He hurts all over, and a strange voice outside the door just ordered his death. The last thing he can remember, he was working on homework, practicing karate, daydreaming of becoming an Air Force pilot, and writing a pretty girl's number on his hand. Now the police want to arrest him for the death of his best friend and a team of ruthless killers is rapidly closing in. He's desperate to survive, and to discover what happened. The truth

of the matter is more incredible—and more deadly—than he could ever imagine.

[Linked to WORLD GEOGRAPHY or MATH class]

Students in 10th - 12th grades will choose one novel from the following:

Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta. When fourteen-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while police find the two killers. The result is the start of a nightmare. The killers, known as the Blackwell Brothers, are slaughtering anyone who gets in their way in a methodical quest to reach him. Now all that remains between them and the boy are Ethan and Allison Serbin, who run the wilderness survival program; Hannah Faber, who occupies a lonely fire lookout tower; and endless miles of desolate Montana mountains.

[Linked to ENGLISH class]

Sycamore Row by John Grisham. Seth Hubbard is a wealthy man dying of lung cancer who trusts no one. Before he hangs himself, Hubbard leaves a new, handwritten will. It is an act that drags his adult children, his black maid, and Jake Brigance into a conflict as riveting and dramatic as the murder trial that made Brigance one of Ford County's most notorious citizens, just three years earlier. The second will raises many more questions than it answers. Why would Hubbard leave nearly all of his fortune to his maid? Had chemotherapy and painkillers affected his ability to think clearly? **[Linked to**

SOCIAL STUDIES class]

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, *Station Eleven* tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region and risking everything for art and humanity. A novel of art, memory, and ambition, *Station Eleven* tells a story about the relationships that sustain us, the ephemeral nature of fame, and the beauty of the world as we know it. **[Linked to RELIGION or SCIENCE class]**

REQUIRED READING for HONORS and AP CLASSES

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8th Grade

World Geography Honors *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong
English I Honors *Killer Angels* by Jeff Shaara

9th Grade

English I Honors *I am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier
English II Honors *I am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier

10th Grade

English II Honors *The Natural* by Bernard Malamud
English III Honors *The Natural* by Bernard Malamud
World History Honors *The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

11th Grade

English III Honors *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
English IV Honors *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
English III/IV Honors AP *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
American History Honors *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis
American History H AP *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis

12th Grade

English IV Honors *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
English V Honors *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
English IV/V Honors AP *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
Civics Honors AP *American Government* by Peter Woll (19th edition only)