Summer Reading Assignments 2025/2026

The reading assignments for all students are below; students must complete assignments for both Theology and English classes. If you do not know what section of class you are in, please contact your counselor. The seniors will also need to complete their college essays this summer, which are due the first day of school (see below).

Summer Reading Theology

Incoming Grade	Title	Author
ALL Freshmen & Transfer students	*I, John Baptist de La Salle* *I, John Baptist de La Salle* directed reading guide	See Saint John Paul II Website for links

Summer Reading English

Incoming Grade	Section	Title	Author
Freshmen	English I	*The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*	Charles Duhigg
	Honors English I	1. *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* 2. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*	Charles Duhigg Mitch Albom
Sophomores	English II	1. *Lord of the Flies* 2. *Fahrenheit 451*	William Golding Ray Bradbury
	Honors English II	1. *Lord of the Flies* 2. *Fahrenheit 451*	William Golding Ray Bradbury
Juniors	English III	1. *The Last Lecture* 2. *The Scarlet Letter*	Randy Pausch Nathaniel Hawthorne
	Honors English III	1. *The Last Lecture* 2. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*	Randy Pausch Mark Twain
Seniors	English IV	*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*	Conan Doyle
	Honors English IV	1. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* 2. *The Screwtape Letters*	Conan Doyle C. S. Lewis
AP English	AP English Language and Composition III	1. *Outliers* 2. *Thank you for Arguing* 3. *The Elements of Style, 4th Edition*	Malcolm Gladwell Jay Heinrichs William Strunk, Jr. & E.B. White**
	AP English Literature and Composition IV	1. *1984* 2. *Pride and Prejudice*	George Orwell Jane Austin
ALL Seniors	Must turn in a 600-word college application essay on the FIRST day of class; MLA format required. Use the **2025-2026 Common App link for a topic prompt:** **https://www.commonapp.org/blog/2024-2025-common-app-essay-prompts**		

**Optional: Since it's a style guide, it will be used more like a reference/source throughout the year.