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'BUILDING BRIDGES OF TOLERANCE'

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Date : Wednesday, 2nd October 2019

To : Parents of students from Year Four – Year Ten : **'CELEBRATING A LOVE FOR READING'**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. ***"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."***-Dr. Seuss

To read well and become well read- and to be ready for future challenges in college and the workplace - reading experts advise students to dedicate time and effort to practicing the skill. Practice is important for all skills and it is critically important for reading.

We would like you as parents to be supportive of our aim to involve children in reading such that they become life-long readers. We would like you to send with your children **ONE BOOK** (please have their name clearly affixed on the inside) with your child **by Sunday, 13th October 2019**. Please respect the said date as we will be logging each book against the child's name. Children will be reading that book during their library lesson as well as during other 'free time' and will be required to write up a **BOOK REVIEW** to be submitted in January 2020 (more details will be given to each class by their English Teachers).

Please use the list below to select a book for children who study in years EIGHT, NINE and TEN. With your support, we encourage our teens to self-select a Fiction or Non-Fiction book and make reading a form of self-guided practice.

For students in Years 4-7 we would request you to send with them any FICTION or NON-FICTION that is age appropriate. This is to be sent by Sunday, 13th October 2019.


We look forward to your support as parents in working together with us in creating in each child a sincere love for the written word. Please find below some useful links to encourage reading.

<http://www.educationandcareernews.com/learning-tools/6-ways-to-create-a-love-for-reading>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/instill-the-love-of-reading-levar-burton>

<https://www.ahaparenting.com/parenting-tools/intelligent-creative-child/child-loves-read>

Yours sincerely,


Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

Celebrating a love of reading

To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.

(A. C. Grayling)

St. Mary's High School community views reading as a significant and enjoyable activity. Becoming a lifetime reader is predicted on developing a love of reading.

There is also research evidence that reading for pleasure not only impacts on reading achievement but also increases:

- general knowledge (e.g. Cunningham and Stanovich, 1998);
- a better understanding of other cultures (Meek, 1991);
- community participation (e.g. Bus, van Ijzendoorn and Pellegrini, 1995);
- a greater insight into human nature and decision-making (Bruner, 1996)

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Reading for Pleasure - List of books

No.	Title	Author
1.	Humans, Bow Down	James Patterson
2.	Private Delhi	James Patterson
3.	Two from the Heart	James Patterson
4.	Bulls Eye	James Patterson
5.	The Stone	James Patterson

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6.	Hunger Games	James Patterson
7.	The Falcon at the Portal	Elizabeth Peters
8.	The Demon in the Freezer	Richard Preston
9.	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
10.	The White Tiger	Aravind Adiga
11.	Dear World	Bana Alabed
12.	Curious Minds	Janet Evanovich
13.	American assassin	Vince Flynn
14.	Truly Madly Guilty	Liane Moriarty
15.	No Man's Land	David Baldacci
16.	The Christmas Train	David Baldacci
17.	Wish you Well	David Baldacci
18.	The Winner	David Baldacci
19.	Absolute power	David Baldacci
20	The Forgotten	David Baldacci
21	Total Control	David Baldacci
22	Last Man Standing	David Baldacci
23	Split second	David Baldacci
24	The Hit	David Baldacci
25	The Camel club	David Baldacci
26	Americanah	Chimanda Ngozi Adichie
27	Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimanda Ngozi Adichie
28	Empire of the sun	J.G. Ballard
29	Into the Unknown	Edited by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore
30	Taking Off	Edited by Steve Barlow & Steve Skidmore
31	It's for Real	Edited by Angela Barrs
32	Arthur George	Julia Barnes
33	The Harder They Come	T.C.Boyle
34	Tooth and Claw	T.C.Boyle
35	Rusty and the leopard	Ruskin Bond

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36	The Room of Many colours	Ruskin Bond
37	Horror Omnibus	Ruskin Bond
38	The Daffodil Case	Ruskin Bond
39	Red Rising	Pierce Brown
40	Possession	A.S.Byatt
41	I Know why the Caged Bird Sings,	Maya Angelou
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42	The Heart of a Woman	Maya Angelou
43	Letter to My Daughter	Maya Angelou
44	The Amazing Story of a Man who Cycled from India to Europe	Per J.Anderson
45	A brief History of Mankind	Cyril Aydon
46	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
47	Penelopiad	Margaret Atwood
48	Surfacing	Margaret Atwood
49	Bluebeard's Egg	Margaret Atwood
50	The Zahir	Paul Coelho
51	The Alchemist	Paul Coelho
52	Like the Flowing River	Paul Coelho
53	Adultery	Paul Coelho
54	The Witch of Portobello	Paul Coelho
55	Manual of the Warrior of Light	Paul Coelho
56	The Devil and Miss Prym	Paul Coelho
57	The Fifth Mountain	Paul Coelho
58	Manuscript found in Accra	Paul Coelho
59	TheValkyries	Paul Coelho
60	The Winner Stands Alone	Paul Coelho
61	By the River Pedra I sat down and Wept	Paul Coelho
62	Veronica Decides to Die	Paul Coelho
63	The Pilgrimage	Paul Coelho
64	Eleven Minutes	Paul Coelho

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65	The Outsiders,	S.E.Hinton
66	The Giver	Lois Lowry
67	The Necklace	Guy de Maupassant
68	The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank
69	The Hunger Games	Suzane Collins
70	Night	Elie Wiesel
71	The Monkey's Paw,	W.W.Jacob
72	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas,	John Boyne
73	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down,	Jeff Kinney
74	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul	Jeff Kinney
75	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck	Jeff Kinney
76	The Maze Runner	James Dashner
77	Thirteen Reasons Why	Jay Asher
78	The lightening Thief	Rick Riordan
79	Divergent	Veronica Roth
80	The Fault in Our Stars	John Green
81	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck
82	Lord of the Flies	William Golding
83	My Family and Other Animals	
84	The Most Dangerous Game	Richard Connell
85	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury
86	The Tell-Tale Heart.	Edgar Allen Poe
87	The Cask of Amontillado	Edgar Allen Poe
88	The Gift of the Magi	O Henry
89	Looking for Alaska	John Green
90	Smile	Raina Telgemeier
91	Sisters	Raina Telgemeier
92	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James L.Swanson
93	Basketball	Morgan Hughes
94	I am Malala	Malala Yousafzai

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95	Football	Cynthia Klingel
96	The Blind side: Evolution of a Game	Michael Lewis
97	The Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls
98	A Long Way Gone	Ishmael Beah
99	A Child called It	Dave Pelzer
100	The Lost Boy	Dave Pelzer
101	Tuesdays with Morris	Mitch Albom
102	Paper Towns	John green
103	Wonder R.J.palacio	R.J.palacio
104	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
105	Harry potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J.K.Rowling
106	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J.K.Rowling
107	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer'S Stone	J.K.Rowling
108	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	J.K.Rowling
109	Boy	Roald Dahl
110	Going Solo	Roald Dahl
111	The Best of Roald Dahl	Roald Dahl
112	A Roald Dahl Selection	Roald Dahl
113	D is for Dahl	Roald Dahl
114	The Grear auromatic Grammatizer and Other stories	Roald Dahl
115	The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai
116	Skellig	David almond
117	Kit's Wilderness	David almond
118	My Name is Mina	David almond
119	Heaven Eyes	David almond
120	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Arthur Conan Doyle
121	The Lost world and other Stories	Arthur Conan Doyle
122	The Secret Garden	Frances Hudgson Burnett
123	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
124	Gangsta Rap	Benjamin Zephaniah