

XAVIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2019



Dear Incoming Senior,

We hope that this letter finds you well and anticipating the end of a rewarding year. We hope that you will have many good experiences and make many good decisions before we see you again in August. One of those decisions we would like to help you with is the decision to remain engaged in some kind of academic activity this summer. It is our belief that encouraging students to read year-round is a key element in the development of lifelong learners. While the summer is certainly time to be away from school, we hope that it is not a time to stop reading, thinking, and growing.

In an effort to already begin preparing you for post-high school life, we have put together a list of books for you to choose from while completing your summer reading. You are to choose **two books, one from the fiction list and one from the non-fiction list.** These lists offer a wide variety of genres, narrative voices, and historical timeframes.

You should bring both books to school on the first day of classes.

FICTION

Blindness by José Saramago

Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

NON-FICTION

Quiet by Susan Cain

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Educated by Tara Westover

Summer Reading Assignment:

Over the course of the summer, your task is to carefully read and annotate **ONE FICTION BOOK** and **ONE NONFICTION BOOK (two total)**. On the first day of class, you should be prepared to show the teacher your annotated books for a grade. Then, within the first week of class, you will be responsible for completing various assessments that use your choice summer reads as anchor texts. These assessments will rely on an understanding of the Grad @ Grad components, personal reflection, and true knowledge of the books as a whole.