



Summer 2026

Dear Notre Dame High School Parents and Students:

Notre Dame High School's summer reading selections function as a starting point for students and help to prepare students for the upcoming school year. This approach allows students to begin exploring key concepts, works of literature, or themes essential to the course of study awaiting them when they return to school.

Notre Dame's summer reading rationale is as follows:

- To serve as a foundation that will support the year's curriculum, themes, and focus.
- To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches students' literary and philosophical experience.
- To spark students' curiosity to explore books of the same genre and/or by the same author(s) as assigned summer reading books.
- To expose students to different genres of literature and expand the list of potential authors.
- To prepare for thoughtful discussion and writing when classes resume.

To assist in guiding students with their independent reading, resources have been provided. These materials can be found by clicking on the class-specific assignment. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Cindy Bannon, English Department Chairperson, at bannon@ndnj.org.

Thank you and happy reading!