



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

"A Faith Filled Future"

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Welcome to the "Top Floor"

Dear Class of 2028,

As this school year comes to an end, we suggest you reflect, take note of all your accomplishments, and strive to not only repeat those academic achievements but work even harder to surpass them! For those situations where you may not have given your best effort, you owe it to yourself to do better.

Here are a few suggestions to give you a running start in Grade 7:

1. Keep up with current events; read newspapers, magazines, and watch local and national news broadcasts.
2. Stay on top of your assignments; manage your time wisely and utilize Google Classroom.
3. Be prepared for each day; know your daily schedule and pack all required materials.
4. Be an active student; participate in class discussions, volunteer often, ask questions, and be prepared to offer your opinion.
5. Be kind and treat all with respect; we are SFDS and SFDS is our Home away from Home.

Parents, we have not forgotten about you. Our first suggestion is: get ready for those extra flights of stairs! It is a killer. On a serious note, you know your child better than anyone. If you sense your son or daughter is having too difficult a time, contact us. When possible, please email us all, even when only one subject may be the issue. Many times, the student picks up that plate and drops a different one. The more aware we are, the more assistance we can offer.

Have a wonderful, safe summer. We are looking forward to working with you and your child in September.

The Top Floor Teachers

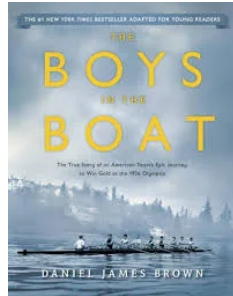
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7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

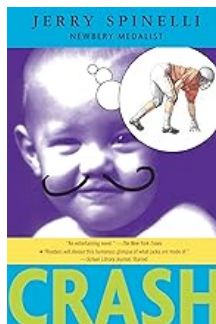
Dear 7th-grade parents and students,

Summer is here! The summer is a time for all of us to “recharge” our batteries. It is also a great time to immerse yourself in a good book. We need to continue to foster a love of reading. Students are required to read two books, one fiction and one non-fiction. This summer, to prepare you for grade 7, you will read the books below.



: Young Readers Adaptation

Book 1: “The Boys on the Boat” by Daniel James Brown.”(Young Readers Adaptation)The Boys on the Boat tells the journey of the University of Washington's eight-oared rowing crew that represented the United States in rowing at the 1936 Summer Olympics. We will be discussing this book when you return to school in September. Please read it closely, identifying key quotes, circling key vocabulary, and thinking deeply about the characters and how they develop throughout the story. There will be an in-class assessment on the novel, the week of September 14th, 2026.



Book 2: “Crash” by James Spinelli. “Crash” is a novel suitable for students your age, which follows the adventures of Crash Coogan, a 7th-grade athlete who evolves from being a bully to becoming best friends with one of his victims. Once you have completed reading this novel, you will respond to the following writing prompts. This assignment must be completed on a Google Document and printed at home. Students will not be allowed to print at school. This assignment will count as a Writing Grade for the first trimester and is due by Friday, September 11th, 2026.

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Each prompt has the number of sentences you should write to compose a well-written response.

1. How does Crash Coogan change throughout the novel? Explore how Crash evolves from a bully into a more empathetic and self-aware person. What causes this change? Who influences him? (5-6 sentences)
2. What role does family play in Crash's development? (5-6 sentences) Consider the differences between Crash's family and Penn Webb's family. How do these relationships shape who they are?
3. What message does the novel send about kindness and compassion? (3 sentences) Identify three examples from the story to show how acts of kindness, especially from Penn, change people and situations.
4. Analyze the symbolism behind the title "Crash." How does it relate to the protagonist's experiences and the novel's themes? (5-6 sentences)

****** Plagiarism on any component of this assignment will result in a zero.******

Have fun reading and enjoy your summer!

Best wishes,

Miss McManus

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss,

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Dear Incoming 7th Grade Families,

As we look forward to a long, restful, and relaxing summer, we do want students to continue to engage in much needed math and literacy activities that will reinforce important skills learned throughout the year and to prepare them for the new year ahead.

It is our hope to provide meaningful summer assignments for all our students. This year each grade (incoming 1st through 8th) will be assigned four math iready lessons. These lessons will help review important skills from the previous grade that will be needed in the beginning of the year.

Below you will find dates that each lesson will open.

June 16th - Lessons 1

June 29th - Lessons 2

July 13th - Lessons 3

July 27th - Lessons 4

All lessons will close by August 15th. After August 15th students will no longer be able to access Iready and will not receive credit for their summer assignments. We do recommend that you do each lesson in the two week window given rather than waiting to do it all at one time.

7th Grade I-Ready Summer Lessons:

Ratios and Unit Rates (Multiple Lessons)

One Variable Inequalities(Multiple Lessons)

One Variable Equations (Multiple Lessons)

Understand and evaluate Algebraic expressions

Thank you,

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