

## Summer Reading at Benedictine

Here at BC we believe reading stands as the single most important activity in a high school student's academic life. We also believe that students should become self motivated in their reading choices, independent learners who take responsibility for their own academic development.

To those ends there are two parts of summer reading. The mandatory books are listed below. In addition to those mandatory books, students may use the link below for a number of influential reading lists. Students are encouraged to read widely and deeply from those lists.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/outstandingbooks.cfm>

We will test over mandatory reading in the first seven days of class. Tests will cover the essential information necessary for comprehension, focusing on characters, setting and plot.

In our newly reconstructed English curriculum, students will read more texts by more authors (classic and contemporary) than ever before at Benedictine. They will also do more writing than ever before. And while we cannot promise that students will love every minute of the new classes 😊, we can say that BC students will be entering the college ranks with best English preparation in the school's history.

**All Ninth Grade English:** *The Alchemist* Paulo Coelho

**Tenth Grade Honors:** *Into the Wild* John Krakauer

**Tenth Grade College Preparatory:** *Watchmen* Allen Moore

**Eleventh Grade American Literature and Composition:** *A Separate Peace* John Knowles

**AP English Language and Composition (11<sup>th</sup>):** *An Alchemy of Mind* Diane Ackerman

**Senior Composition:** *Bad Haircut* Tom Perrotta

**AP English Literature and Composition (12<sup>th</sup>):** *How to Read Literature like a Professor* Thomas Foster

*Catch-22* –Joseph Heller