



# Pope John Paul II HIGH SCHOOL

June 13, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Pope John Paul II High School!

At PJP we believe that it is essential for our students to remain engaged in their academic pursuits over the summer months. To support this, we provide reading and math assignments tailored to each grade level and content area. These assignments are designed to reinforce the skills and knowledge that your child has already acquired, insuring that they are well-prepared for the next academic year.

Attached, please find detailed information about these assignments and encourage your child to complete these tasks diligently.

- Reading Assignments: Each grade level has been assigned specific books and accompanying tasks. These readings will enhance their comprehension and critical thinking skills.
- Math Assignments: The math exercises are connected to the content area that the student will be enrolled in for the 2024-2025 academic year and are designed to reinforce key concepts and problem-solving techniques. Completing these programs will help to maintain the student's proficiency and readiness for more advanced topics.

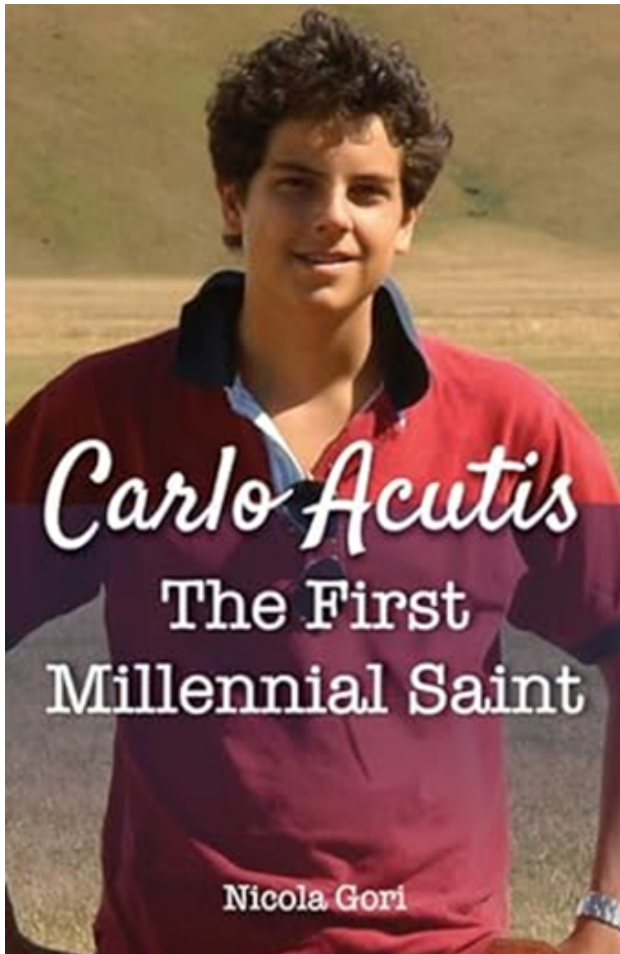
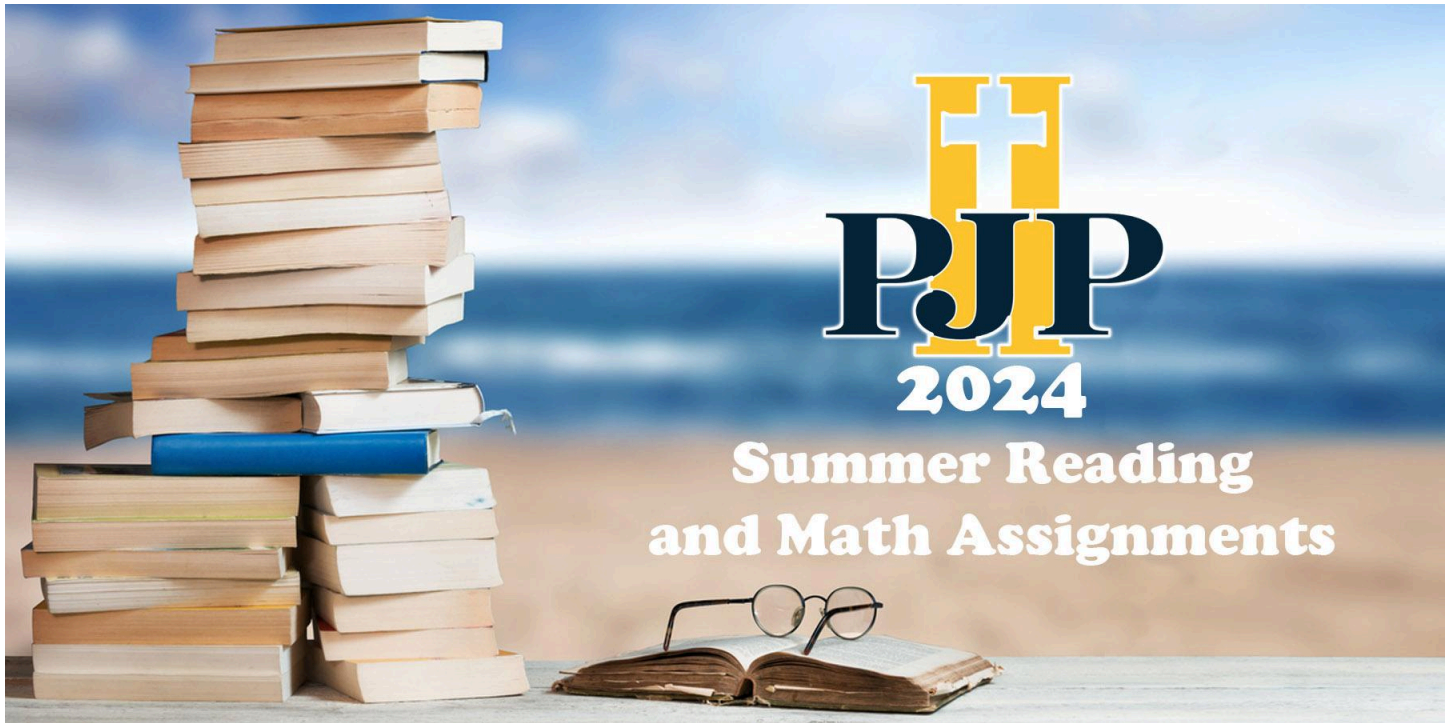
Additionally, this summer, every student, faculty, and staff member will read *Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint* by Nicola Gori as part of our One School, One Book Initiative. This shared reading experience aims to foster a sense of unity and promote meaningful discussions across all grade levels. We encourage you to read along with your child and engage in conversations about the book's themes and lessons.

We understand that summer is a time for relaxation, fun, and family and these assignments are designed to be manageable to accommodate each of these important things. Your support in guiding your child through these assignments is greatly appreciated and will contribute to their academic success.

Wishing you and yours a very safe, happy, and healthy summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan Sullivan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Megan Sullivan  
Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs



## One School, One Book

Each year, a book selection is made that *all* members of the PJP community: students, faculty, and staff will read. The Goal of One School One Book program is intended to foster **EMPATHY**, provide **AFFIRMATION** about one's identity, transport readers to new places and meet new people and **INSPIRE** action on behalf of social justice.

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*Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint*  
by Nicola Gori

# READING

All students (Honors and College Prep) are required to read the One School, One Book selection as well as at least one additional book from their grade list below. Students must complete their summer reading requirement before the school year begins; the students will be assessed on their summer reading books in September.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9th Grade</b> <i>Conflict/ Challenges</i></p> <p>All students must read at least <u>one</u> book from the list below:</p> <p>Night (Wiesel) Lord of the Flies (Golding) Code Talker (Bruchac) I Have Lived a Thousand Years (Bitton-Jackson)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10th Grade</b> <i>The Allure of Fear</i></p> <p>All students must read at least <u>one</u> book from the list below:</p> <p>Dracula (Stoker) Rebecca (du Maurier) The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon (King) The House of the Spirits (Allende)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11th Grade</b> <i>American Literature / Classics</i></p> <p>All students must read at least <u>one</u> book from the list below:</p> <p>Hiroshima (John Hershey) A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Smith) 5 Days in November (Hill) Fences (Wilson)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12th Grade</b> <i>Memoir</i></p> <p>All students must read at least <u>one</u> book from the list below:</p> <p>The Glass Castle (Walls) Season of Life (Marx) Educated (Tara Westover) Into the Wild (Krakauer)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AP English Language and Composition (11th Grade)</b></p> <p>Students enrolled in AP English Language and Composition have received an additional reading and writing assignment directly from Mr. Mullarkey</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AP English Literature and Composition (12th Grade)</b></p> <p>Students enrolled in AP English Literature and Composition have received a separate summer reading list and assignment directly from Ms. Alexander.</p>

*Before they make their choices, students are encouraged to read reviews of the books so that they choose books that interest them. Parents are encouraged to help their children choose appropriate novels for their interests and abilities.*

# MATHEMATICS

The math department is thrilled with the performance and tenacity of our students.

To continue providing the best experience possible, the math department is encouraging all students that will be enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus or Calculus to participate in a Khan Academy summer math enrichment assignment called "Get Ready For". (*AP Calculus and AP Precalculus students were given an alternate assignment.*)

While not mandatory, participation will be of great value and is strongly encouraged that students complete the assignment. It will help students when facing challenges in their future math courses and to fill in any gaps that were created during the Covid pandemic and review all the necessary topics that they are expected to know.

[Getting Ready for MATH selections through the Khan Academy](#)

[Getting Ready for the SAT through Khan Academy](#)

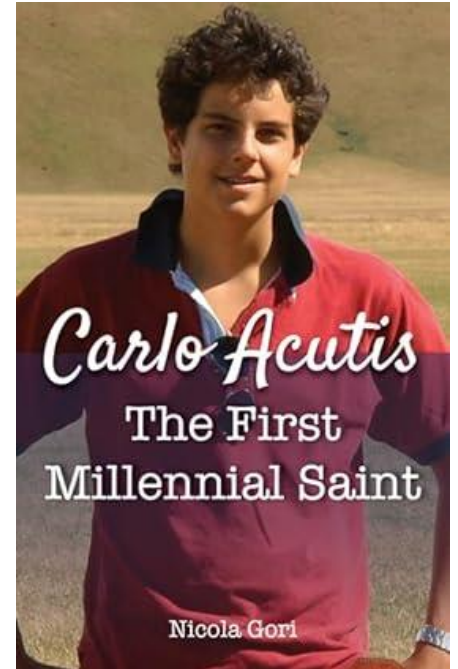
For more detailed information, please review this [document](#) provided by the Math Department.



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## ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK

As part of a system wide Socially Responsible Citizenship Action plan within the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in 2021 Pope John Paul II High School developed a school specific plan committed to building a community with a deep appreciation and understanding of social justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and civic engagement. As part of that plan PJP initiated a One Book, One School program. This program focuses on literary themes centered around Socially Responsible Citizenship and each year, a book selection is made that *all* members of the PJP community: students, faculty, and staff will read. The Goal of the program is intended to foster **EMPATHY**, provide **AFFIRMATION** about one's identity, transport readers to new places and meet new people and **INSPIRE** action on behalf of social justice.



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***Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint***

*By: Nicola Gori*

Read in Summer 2021

***I Will Always Write Back*** by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

Read in Summer 2022

***The Other Wes More: One Name, Two Fates*** by Wes Moore

Read in Summer 2023

***Green Bananas, The Wisdom of Father Bill Atkinson*** by Steve McWilliams