

8th Grade Summer Work

SHS School Year 2019-2020

8th-grade scholars will read two nonfiction novels, complete one Discovery ED assignment, and complete 80 minutes of IXL (Math and ELA) per week. All scholar work in IXL is monitored by the Math and ELA teachers.

Reading - Read, annotate, and be ready for an assessment when school begins.

[In the Heart of the Sea](#) - Young Readers Edition

By Nathaniel Philbrick

“On November 20, 1820, the whaleship Essex was rammed and sunk by an angry whale. Within minutes, the twenty-one-man crew, including the fourteen-year-old cabin boy Thomas Nickerson, found themselves stranded in three leaky boats in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with barely any supplies and little hope. Based on his New York Times best-seller *In the Heart of the Sea*, Nathaniel Philbrick recreates the amazing events of the ill-fated Essex through the sailors own first-hand accounts, photos, maps, and artwork, and tells the tale of one of the great true-life adventure stories.”

[Chasing Space](#) - Young Readers Edition

By Leland Melvin

“In this inspiring memoir, adapted from the simultaneous version for adults, young readers will get to learn about Leland Melvin’s remarkable life story, from being drafted by the Detroit Lions to bravely orbiting our planet in the International Space Station to writing songs with will.i.am, working with Serena Williams, and starring in top-rated television shows like *The Dog Whisperer*, *Top Chef*, and *Child Genius*.”

Annotation assignment: Make a note every time a person or group encounters a problem, then make a note of how they solve the problem.

IXL:

ELA - 20 minutes per week (total of 220 minutes).

Each scholar received a personal list of IXL skills to work on based off of their Spring Map testing results and 7th-grade work.

Math - 60 minutes per week (total of 660 minutes).

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STREAM Discovery Education Assignment

This project has been assigned through Discovery Ed. It is due, for a grade, by August 31.

Supply List for September

Required Texts:

1. [The Odyssey](#)
ISBN: 978-0393089059
By Homer
Translated by Emily Wilson
2. [Kaplan Catholic High School Entrance Exams Test Prep Book](#)
ISBN: 978-1-5062-0339-3
(Most scholars already have this book at school).

School Supplies:

- 1 pocket folder
- 1 one subject college-ruled composition notebooks (black marble) (for Math)
- 1 two-subject college-ruled notebook (for ELA and History)
- 1 set of colored pencils
- 1 package of #2 pencils
- 1 package of blue or black pens
- 1 pencil sharpener with shavings cup
- 1 pencil bag
- 1 highlighter
- 1 12inch (30cm) ruler with customary and metric measurements
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of glue sticks
- 3 packages (100 to pack) white college ruled 3 x 5 index cards
- 1 package (100 to pack) blue college ruled 3 x 5 index cards
- 1 package (100 to pack) green college ruled 3 x 5 index cards
- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set of personal earbuds (**headphones need to fit in your pencil bag**)
- 1 backpack with a padded sleeve for the Chromebook

Planner provided by Sacred Heart but needs to be carried by scholars