

# Catholic Central

## English 1 Summer Reading Assignment, 2026

Welcome incoming Freshmen! Summer Reading is a longstanding CC tradition. This summer, you'll both read and write (yippee!). Below you will find the necessary details. We look forward to meeting you in August and getting to know you throughout the year. Go Cougars!

~Mrs. Kozminski & Ms. Oman

### Required Reading: *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt

You can purchase your own copy, borrow one from the library, or even listen to the audiobook version!

### Required Writing: Write us a letter!

Write this after you read *Orbiting Jupiter*.

In this letter, introduce yourself. Answer the following questions in paragraphs, using complete sentences:

- What school are you coming from?
- What do you like to do outside of school?
- What have you been doing this summer?
- What was Middle School like for you socially and academically?
- How were your 7th and 8th grade English classes? Did you enjoy them? Find them challenging?
- What was your favorite book you read in Middle School? What did you like about it? If you don't like reading, tell me about it. Why don't you like it?
- What is your honest opinion about *Orbiting Jupiter*?
  - What did you think of these teenage boys? What about the adults?
  - What moments in the book stood out to you as especially powerful or interesting?
  - Were there any parts you didn't like? Why?
  - Were you surprised by the ending?
  - Would you recommend this book to other students your age? Why or why not?

**NOTE:** This letter should be handwritten (unless you have a disability or injury that prevents it). We can read most handwriting, but try to be neat!

 **Your book & letter must be finished by Aug. 25th (1st day of school!)**

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## Freshmen Supply List

As you prepare for the fall, the following supplies will be necessary for English class and most other classes at CC.

### Needed for you:

- Large pencil case
- Several pencils with erasers (we recommend traditional wooden pencils, because it's easy to lose lead and then the mechanical pencils are useless!)
- 3-5 blue or black pens
- 1 purple or red pen
- Variety of highlighters
- Post-it notes
- 1 subject spiral notebook
- ½" binder (for English class only)
- Set of dividers for your binder
- Lined paper