

# 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. I look forward to meeting you in August and getting to know you throughout the year. Go Cougars!

~Mrs. Kozminski

### 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). I can read most handwriting, but try to be neat!

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

**Please let me know if you have questions!**

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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