

## Santa Fe Catholic High School Summer Reading 2017-18

The One School, One Book summer reading for 2017 is *I will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. All students are expected to read the novel and complete the Summer Reading Guide before the first day of school so they are prepared to contribute to activities and discussions. Discussions of the book will build community across grade levels through shared experience, and insights about the book will create a common conversation that will continue throughout the year. The book is required reading for all subject areas **in addition** to any class specific books on the summer reading list. All students will write an essay based on the book in their English classes.

*I Will Always Write Back*, a national best seller, was highly recommended by both teachers and students for its captivating story and inspirational characters. It is a true story of an all-American girl and a boy from Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever. In this compelling dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends --and better people--through their long-distance exchange. Their story will inspire you to look beyond your own life and wonder about the world at large and your place in it.

The book is available in paperback as well as on Kindle with an add-on that gives students access to the audiobook. Students may purchase their preferred version.

### **Incoming Freshmen**

All Students

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka,  
Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

Honors English I

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

### **Incoming Sophomores**

All Students

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka,  
Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

Honors English II

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca

Skloot

Honors World History

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy

AP World History

First six chapters of the text

### **Incoming Juniors**

All Students

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka,  
Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

Honors English III

*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

AP English III \*

*On Writing* by Stephen King  
Focused reading assignment (in conjunction with AP  
History or current events as outlined in the summer  
assignment guidelines)

AP and Honors US History

Focused reading assignment (See Ms. Skalski for  
assignment)

### **Incoming Seniors**

All Students

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka,  
Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

Honors English IV

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

AP English IV\*

Focused reading/writing assignment (see Ms. Kauer  
for list of choices)

AP Government

*Miracle at Philadelphia* by Catherine Drinker Bowen

### **Other (these are mixed level courses)**

AP Human Geography

Focused reading/writing (see Ms. Skalski for  
assignment)

\*An essay assignment will be given in addition to the required  
reading for the AP English classes.