



## Holy Name High School Summer Reading 2023

### Junior CCP Summer Reading List

Before the year starts, students taking **CCP English III (132)** will be required to read the following **three (3)** works of literature. Even though it is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that you purchase the required books. We will be taking notes, annotating passages and highlighting chapters.

#### Required Books:

##### *The Last Lecture* - Randy Pausch

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to reflect on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we give to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we were to vanish tomorrow, what would we leave as our legacy?

Randy Pausch seemed to have it all: a loving wife, three children, and a successful teaching career. However, the one thing that he did not have was good health. At 46, he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. His doctor gave him three to six months to live. When Randy, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about overcoming obstacles, enabling the dreams of others, and seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

##### *Feed* - M.T. Anderson

For Titus and his friends, it started out like any ordinary trip to the moon — a chance to party during spring break. But that was before the crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction, sending them to the hospital to lie around with nothing inside their heads for days. And it was before Titus met Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl who has decided to fight the feed and its ever-present ability to categorize human thoughts and desires. M. T. Anderson's not-so-brave new world is a smart, savage satire that has captivated readers with its view of an imagined future that veers unnervingly close to the here and now.

##### *The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* - John Green

John Green's gift for storytelling shines throughout this masterful collection of short essays. Funny, complex, and rich with detail, Green charts the contradictions of contemporary humanity. As a species, we are both far too powerful and not nearly powerful enough, a paradox that came into sharp focus as we faced a global pandemic that both separated us and bound us together. *The Anthropocene Reviewed* is an open-hearted exploration of the paths we forge and an unironic celebration of falling in love with the world.