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Welcome to Holy Family! As part of this year's freshman orientation, the English Department at Holy Family would like to welcome our new students with the wonderful gift of literature! In order to promote good reading and discussion practices in preparation for English classes at Holy Family, we are requiring each incoming student to read a book over the summer. During freshman orientation and the first weeks of freshman English courses, your student will use these books to practice effective reading strategies, discuss literature intelligently, encounter common themes in high school literature, and meet fellow students through literature. Feel free to choose from the following exciting opportunities!

The Adoration of Jenna Fox:

From author Mary Pearson: Seventeen-year-old Jenna Fox has just awoken from a year-long coma—so she's been told—and she is still recovering from the terrible accident that caused it. But what happened before that? She's been given home movies chronicling her entire life, which spark memories to surface. But are the memories really hers? And why won't anyone in the family talk about the accident? Jenna is becoming more curious. But she is also afraid of what she might find out if she ever gets up the courage to ask her questions. What happened to Jenna Fox? And who is she really?

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

From author Ransom Riggs: A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs.

It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive.

The Looking-Glass Wars:

From *School Library Journal*: Alyss Heart's family and friends are ruthlessly killed by her evil Aunt Redd. Alyss escapes through the Pool of Tears, which is actually a portal between worlds, and winds up in Victorian England and is renamed Alice. Meanwhile, Hatter Madigan, a member of Wonderland's Millinery, who also escaped through the Pool, searches for Alyss across continents and time, until he finds her more than a dozen years later. Back home in Wonderland, the few who have escaped evil Redd's soldiers plot to retake the land.

Lockdown: Escape from the Furnace, Book 1

Some strange silver-eyed men catch Alex in the midst of a house burglary; he is shocked when these same men frame him for the murder of his best friend. Despite his pleas of innocence, he is sent to The Furnace, a jail for juveniles who have been sentenced to life in prison. Fights, disgusting food, bizarre guard dogs and boys being dragged from their cells in the middle of the night are some of the things Alex experiences that make him want to get out. Will he escape?

Please stop by Holy Family on June 2nd or June 8th before the Math Placement exam to check out a copy of your book and begin reading! If the above date does not fit your schedule, stop in the school office to grab a copy! Holy Family will supply copies of novels on a first come, first served basis until they are gone!

Thanks and happy reading!

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