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School for Boys

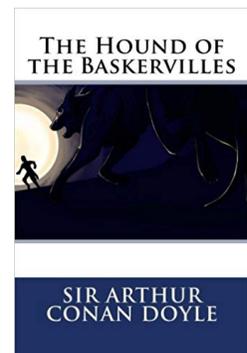
Summer Reading List Grade 9 Boys (Class of 2023)

You will choose and sign up for one of the following:

***The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**
Sponsored by Mr. Steven Caristinos

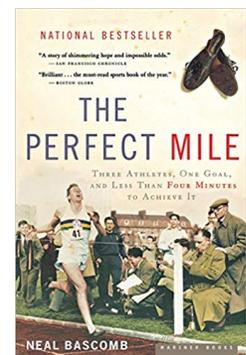
The death, quite suddenly, of Sir Charles Baskerville in mysterious circumstances is the trigger for one of the most extraordinary cases ever to challenge the brilliant analytical mind of Sherlock Holmes. As rumors of a legendary hound said to haunt the Baskerville family circulate, Holmes and Watson are asked to ensure the protection of Sir Charles' only heir, Sir Henry - who has travelled all the way from America to reside at Baskerville Hall in Devon. And it is there, in an isolated mansion surrounded by mile after mile of wild moor, that Holmes and Watson come face to face with a terrifying evil that reaches out from centuries past . . .

The deductive reasoning of Holmes makes you look at everything and see how it fits in or not. I began to enjoy him more by reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's books, in which Hound of the Baskervilles is my favorite. His short stories are great reads. There is nothing like a whodunit, especially if you can solve the crime.



***The Perfect Mile* by Neal Bascomb**
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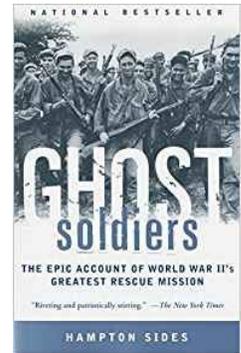
In the 1950s, three runners Roger Bannister (Great Britain), John Landry (Australia), and Wes Santee (USA) become determined to become the first to ever run a mile under the mythical 4:00 barrier. Bascomb chronicles their training and competitive challenges as they each seek personal as well as country immortality. This book will encourage people to pursue their dreams with unyielding passion!



***Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides**
Sponsored by Mr. Jeffrey Smith

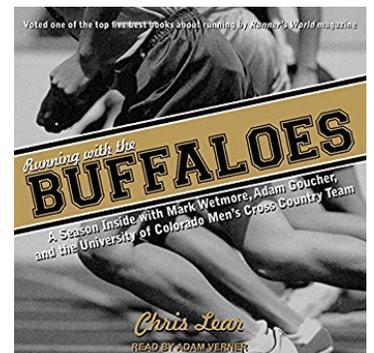
On January 28, 1945, 121 hand-selected U.S. troops slipped behind enemy lines in the Philippines. Their mission: March thirty rugged miles to rescue 513 POWs languishing in a hellish camp, among them the last survivors of the infamous Bataan Death March. A recent prison massacre by Japanese soldiers elsewhere in the Philippines made the stakes impossibly high and left little time to plan the complex operation.

In *Ghost Soldiers*, Hampton Sides vividly re-creates this daring raid, offering a minute-by-minute narration that unfolds alongside intimate portraits of the prisoners and their lives in the camp. Harrowing, poignant, and inspiring, *Ghost Soldiers* is the mesmerizing story of a remarkable mission. It is also a testament to the human spirit, an account of enormous bravery and self-sacrifice amid the most trying conditions.



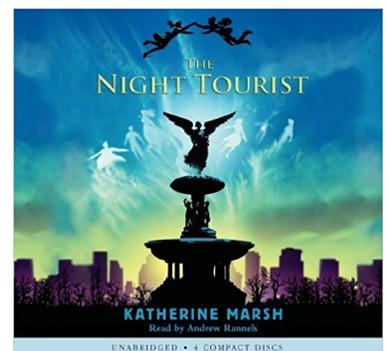
***Running with Buffaloes* by Chris Lear**
Sponsored by Mr. Jared Belliveau

The University of Colorado Buffaloes' 1998 season held great promise, with Olympic hopeful Adam Goucher poised for his first-ever NCAA cross-country title, and the University of Colorado shooting for its first-ever national team title. But in the rigorous world of top-level collegiate sports, blind misfortune can sabotage the dreams of individuals and teams alike. In a season plagued by injury and the tragic loss of a teammate, the Buffaloes were tested as never before. What these men managed to achieve in the face of such adversity is the stuff of legend and glory. With passion and suspense, Lear captures the lives of these young men and offers a glimpse of what drives a gifted runner like Adam Goucher and a great coach like Mark Wetmore.



***The Night Tourist* by Katherine Marsh**
Sponsored by Mr. Justin Fitzgerald

The Night Tourist is a unique supernatural story, full of mythological allusions that takes place in New York City. The story follows Jack Perdu, a shy ninth-grade Classics prodigy, from the land of the living into the ghostly underworld that exists beneath Grand Central Station. If you like reading about Percy Jackson or Magnus Chase from Rick Riordan's books, you will enjoy reading about the adventures of Jack Perdu.



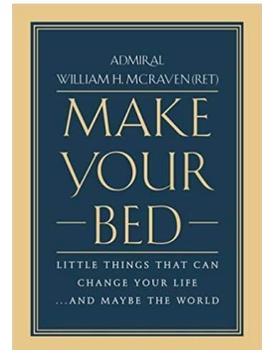
***Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ...And Maybe the World* by William H. McRaven**

Sponsored by Mrs. Angela Lee

Why Read *Make Your Bed*?

“Remember... start each day with a task completed. Find someone to help you through life. Respect everyone. Know that life is not fair and that you will fail often. But if you take some risks, step up when times are toughest, face down the bullies, lift up the downtrodden, and never, ever give up – if you do these things, then you can change your life for the better... and maybe the world!”

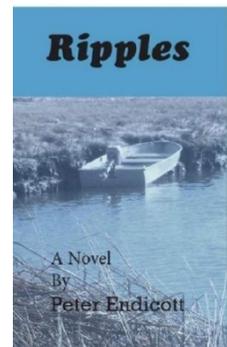
Make Your Bed is a book based on a commencement speech by the author in 2014, where he outlined ten simple ideas that he felt helped him in his journey of life and leadership. It's a simple, easy to read book, with some great examples and advice for leaders and followers alike. Simple ideas often are the best!



***Ripples* by Malden Resident and Malden Catholic Alum Peter Endicott '78**

Sponsored by Bro. Thomas Puccio, C.F.X.

Ripples is a summer adventure fiction about young adolescent friends set along the Massachusetts south coast. Step off the mainland and join young Jake and his friends as they spend their summer on an isolated sandy peninsula in historic Plymouth Harbor. There, carefree sun-lit days mingle with dark, long-hidden secrets in moments of dream-like fantasy. *Ripples* combines one-part *Tom Sawyer* with one-part gothic mystery thriller and sprinkles it with local sea-faring history. The result is an entertaining story that may leave you reconsidering your definition of what's really possible.



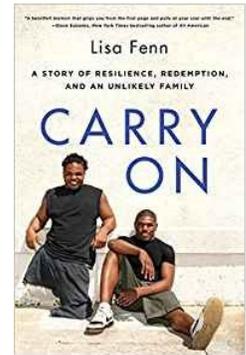
*Copies of this book are available for purchase at the School Office for \$5.00

Carry On by Lisa Fenn

Sponsored by Mr. Matthew Lee-Masiello

Lisa Fenn produced human-interest features for ESPN for over a decade, but one particular story came into her life and never left. After seeing a newspaper image of two young wrestlers from one of Cleveland, Ohio's toughest public high schools, Lisa flew back to her hometown to meet the boys that very day.

Leroy Sutton, who lost his legs in a childhood train accident, could often be found riding on the back of Dartanyon Crockett, who was legally blind and had no permanent place to call home. Initially drawn together by their handicaps, the boys soon developed a brother-like bond. When one wrestled, the other sat on the edge of the mat, and their cheerful friendship was a source of inspiration throughout the halls of their high school.



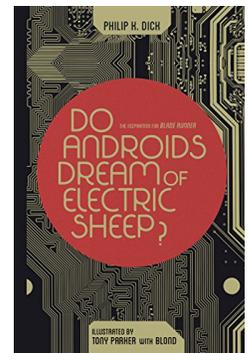
Though Leroy's and Dartanyon's futures were limited by abject poverty, Lisa resolved to give them the chance she knew they deserved. She worked tirelessly to see them through school and athletic pursuits, broken hearts, phantom limbs, and the bewildering obstacles that, at every turn, tested their individual strengths even while strengthening the bonds between them.

CARRY ON will inspire anyone up against long odds, embolden those wanting to become agents of change, and captivate those looking for a gripping underdog sports story. It is a memoir that weaves the complexities of poverty, disability, race, and family into a tender tale of redemption. Above all, it demonstrates the change we can bring when we are willing to enter into another's world.

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? by Philip K. Dick

Sponsored by Dr. Diane Perito

What's to Love: If you loved the 1982 Ridley Scott film Blade Runner, chances are you know it's based on Philip K. Dick's novel Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? From 2009-2011, we published a 24-issue graphic interpretation of the novel as realized by artist Tony Parker. Now, for the first time, all 24 issues of the Eisner Award-nominated series are collected into one complete omnibus edition, featuring a brand-new cover by Mondo artist Jay Shaw and essays from Jonathan Lethem, Ed Brubaker, Warren Ellis, Matt Fraction, and more.



What It Is: San Francisco lies under a cloud of radioactive dust. The World War has killed millions, driving entire species to extinction and sending mankind off-planet. Those who remain covet any living creature, and for people who can't afford one, companies build incredibly realistic fakes: horses, birds, cats, sheep...even humans. Rick Deckard is an officially sanctioned bounty hunter tasked to find six rogue androids. They're machines, but look, sound, and think like humans.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Sponsored by Mr. Gregory Tubman

In World War II Britain, one girl becomes a pilot, another a spy. What happens next will test the limits of their heroism and their friendship.

