



GARCES

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Summer Reading List AY 2026-27

All students enrolled in English 11 (AP) **MUST** read The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger **PLUS** one book of their choosing from the selection below.

Choose **ONE** of the following books to read over summer. Come prepared to take the reading test on the first day back to school.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury *

In this world firemen start fires rather than put them out, books are illegal, and no one questions anything – that is until a simple girl asks the fireman Montag a simple question. After that, everything changes, and books are not the only thing that will burn.

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. Eventually they call themselves the “Joy Luck Club” and their stories of unspeakable loss and of enduring hope explore the sometimes painful, often tender, and always deep connection between mothers and daughters.

Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

Billy Pilgrim is unstuck in time, and we travel with him from the firebombing of Dresden, Germany in 1945 to the alien planet of Tralfamadore. This anti-war novel is an eloquent and absurdly funny plea against butchery in the service of authority.

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

When it comes to relationships, Colin Singleton’s type is girls named Katherine. And when it comes to girls named Katherine, Colin is always getting dumped. Nineteen times, to be exact. This comic novel is about love and friendship (and a little math), but mostly it is about how everyone’s story counts.

Circe by Madeline Miller

Circe is the bewitching nymph from Homer’s *Odyssey*, but she is also so much more than that. She is the daughter of Helios but lacks his strength and power. She is a sorceress who has been cast aside and banished to a remote island, turning instead to mortals to comfort, control, and confine. But most importantly, she might be the celebration of indomitable female strength in a man’s world.

* = Book taught during summer school.