

**Saint Francis High School**  
**English 9 (Freshman English)**  
**Summer Reading 2018**

All grade levels are assigned summer reading. Besides providing intellectual enrichment and promoting the habit of reading, summer reading selections constitute the first major works of literature discussed and analyzed in English classes.

In order to make class discussions and essay writing easier, students must obtain a personal copy of the edition of the book listed below. Please do not buy a different version or use an e-reader version.

Every student will be expected to bring her copy to class every day in the opening weeks of school.

In the first days of school, students are tested on their comprehension of the summer reading novel. In order to prepare for the objective test, students may wish to take notes on the characters and central events of the novel. The multiple choice questions are not difficult for anyone who has completed the reading. Students will also complete a short written response on the novel.

The mandatory summer reading book for English 9 is:

*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd, ISBN 0142001740

We encourage all students to read for pleasure on their own throughout the summer.