



**ST. MARY'S**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
FRANK J. BOMMARITO CAMPUS

**2019 Summer Reading – Enjoy the book(s) and have a great summer!**

This year all freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be reading *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. **\*Students registered to take ACC English are required to read an additional book. See below for additional readings.**

**Book description:**

*JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .*

*ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . .*

*MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . .*

*All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.*

After reading the book, all students will be given a plot test during the first full week of school. The test will be given in English class and will be the first summative grade of the 2019-2020 school year. Students are encouraged to take notes while reading the book. These notes may be used by the student when he takes the test. All notes must be handwritten. **Typed notes of any kind will NOT be allowed to be used on the test.**

**\*Additional Reading for ACC English Students:**

**2019-2020 Seniors**

ACC Senior English

***On the Road* by Jack Kerouac**

Students will be given an additional assessment when they return from summer break.

**2019-2020 Juniors**

ACC Junior English

***Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller**

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