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ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
on the Frank J. Bommarito Campus

Senior Non-Honors Summer Reading 2018

Enjoy the book(s) and have a great summer!

Summer reading is REQUIRED for all students at St. Mary's High School.

Seniors will be reading *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely.

***Seniors registered to take 1818 Senior Literature/Composition (ACC English) will be reading two additional books. Directions and books listed on separate page.**

Book description:

In this New York Times bestselling novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

A bag of chips. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for at the corner bodega. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop, Paul Galluzzo, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for belligerence, mistakes Rashad's resistance to leave the bodega as resisting arrest, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered. But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the concrete pavement?

There were witnesses: Quinn Collins—a varsity basketball player and Rashad's classmate who has been raised by Paul since his own father died in Afghanistan—and a video camera. Soon the beating is all over the news and Paul is getting threatened with accusations of prejudice and racial brutality. Quinn refuses to believe that the man who has basically been his savior could possibly be guilty. But then Rashad is absent. And absent again. And again. And the basketball team—half of whom are Rashad's best friends—start to take sides. As does the school. And the town. Simmering tensions threaten to explode as Rashad and Quinn are forced to face decisions and consequences they had never considered before.

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 and will be the first grade of the 2018-2019 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.**