

St. Joseph Catholic School

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

2021-2022



Dear Parents,

The Battle of the Books (BOTB) is a reading program designed to encourage children to read, to give recognition to those who like to read, and to create a fun and competitive team atmosphere centered on the love of books. The program is open to students currently in the grades 3-8. The participants will group together in teams. We recommend teams of three, although a team of two is fine for committed readers and a team of four will be allowed as needed. Each team will read from the pre-selected list of books for their grade level (on reverse). The number of books read by each child will depend on the child's interest and the decision by the team members. **Battle Day will be held January 14, 2022.** The teams will compete in battles by answering questions about the books they have read. Battle Day is a bracket-style tournament. Teams compete in head-to-head battles, earning points by answering questions about the books on their respective book list. Teams will advance through the bracket, ending with a championship battle in front of an audience. Spectators aren't allowed leading up to the championship.

We encourage everyone to participate in this great program. The kids have fun being part of a team while also having the opportunity to discover some excellent literature in the process. There is no cost to participate. Teams will be encouraged to pick a team name and dress up in team costumes on battle day.

If your child would like to participate, complete the attached permission slip and return to your teacher by **Monday, October 11th**. Please list 2 students your child would like to team up with for BOTB. If other students are not listed, your child will be placed on a team.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Tammy Hook (Tammy.Hook@gmail.com), or visit <https://www.battleofthebooks.org/> for general information.

Thank you for your support and here's to a great year of reading!

Tammy Hook
BOTB Chair

(See reverse for book lists)



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2021-22 Book Lists

Author	Title	AR	AR Pts.	Library Copies
3rd Grade				
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	5.6	3	1
Birney, Betty	The World According to Humphrey	4.2	4	2
Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice	3.1	0.5	3
Bulla, Clyde Robert	A Lion to Guard Us	2.9	2	3
Byars, Betsy	Tornado	3.2	1	2
Cleary, Beverly	Muggie Maggie	4.5	1	3
Coerr, Eleanor	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	4.1	1	1
Barbara Cohen	Molly's Pilgrim	3	0.5	3
Barbara Cooney	Miss Rumphius	3.8	0.5	0
Roald Dahl	George's Marvelous Medicine	4	2	2
Roald Dahl	James and the Giant Peach	4.8	4	4
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	My Father's Dragon	5.6	1	2
Gertrude Warner	Boxcar Children	3.9	2	4
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web	4.4	5	4
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods	5.3	5	2
4th-5th Grades				
Clements, Andrew	No Talking	5.0	4.0	8
Cole, Henry	A Nest for Celeste: a Story About Art Inspiration and the Meaning of Home	5.1	4.0	3
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux	4.7	5.0	2
Howe, Deborah	Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery	4.2	2.0	4
Kline, Christian Baker	Orphan Train Girl (Young Reader's Edition)	4.5	6.0	
Korman, Gordon	Slacker	5.2	7.0	1
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh	4.4	4.0	5
Park, Linda Sue	The Kite Fighters	5.5	4.0	3
Rodkey, Geoff	We're Not From Here			
Watson, Renee	Ways to Make Sunshine	4.5	4.0	
Wise, William	Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler	5.3	3.0	3
Yang, Gene Luen	Secret Coders (Secret Coders 1)	2.9	1.0	
6th, 7th, 8th Grades				
Corbett, Sue	12 Again	4.9	8.0	2
Cousins, Margaret	Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia	6.5	4.0	2
Erskine, Kathryn	Mockingbird	3.6	5.0	2
Flanagan, John	Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan	7.0	12.0	1
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle	5.8	5.0	4
Hunt, Irene	Across Five Aprils	6.6	10.0	2
Korman, Gordon	Swindle	4.9	5.0	4
Park, Linda Sue	A Long Walk to Water	5.0	3.0	3
Paterson, Katherine	Jacob Have I Loved	5.7	8.0	1
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon	5.4	6.0	2
Spinelli, Jerry	Maniac Magee	4.7	5.0	2
Taylor, Mildred	The Road to Memphis	4.5	12.0	



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Registration Form

****Please return by October 11th****

Your signature indicates that you agree to the following rules for Battle of the Books:

- I agree to participate in the Battle of the Books.
- I agree to communicate with my team.
- I agree to read my share of the books.
- I agree to include any student who may be added to my team.
- I will maintain an attitude of good sportsmanship and fun.
- I will support my team and all other teams.

Name (first and last): _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Please check ONE of the following:

_____ I have formed a team with the following 1-3 students:

1. _____ 2. _____

*Parents: Please contact the parents of the students listed above to confirm that everyone is on the same page and committed to the Battle.
Students: Please understand that other students may be placed on your team.*

_____ I would like to participate in Battle of the Books. Please assign me to a team.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

We may need a few volunteers to help on Battle Day. If you are VIRTUS trained and would like to be contacted about helping, please complete the information below:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____