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Dear Parents,

We are very excited to coach interested students in the 2017-2018 *Chester County Reading Olympics!* This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year participating at the Middle School Level!

### **So, what is Reading Olympics?**

The *Chester County Reading Olympics* is an exciting event scheduled annually in the spring. Throughout the year team members read books from the official Reading Olympics book list, write comprehension questions on the books, and attend occasional "book-clubs" in the library in preparation for the competition.

At our book club meetings, readers will discuss their opinions about the books and practice answering questions in the team format. Our goal is to collaborate so that among the team participants, as many of the Reading Olympics books are read as possible. Multiple copies of the Reading Olympics books will be on reserve in the Library for participating students to sign out.

On competition day, in **Spring 2018** SSJ team members will meet after school, eat dinner together, receive their team t-shirt and ride to the county competition. Although teams alternate answering questions with other teams in a friendly contest format, it not really a competition against other teams. It is more of a race with ourselves to see how many points our team can win! This year we won red ribbons for a second place win!

### **Parents- Please keep the following in mind:**

*The subject matter of the books is intended to appeal to students from grades 6 through grade 8. Depending on the maturity level of your own child, you are encouraged to monitor the book selections as you see fit.* I have attached the 2017-2018 book list below this page for your convenience.

There is no requirement to make a commitment now. But if you think you might want to be part of our team, you can get a jump on the reading this summer by choosing books from the official list!  
Happy Reading,

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2018 Middle School Book List

Title	Author Last Name	Author First Name	New?
<i>100 year-old Secret, The</i>	Barrett	Tracy	
<i>Ajeemah and his Son</i>	Berry	James	
<i>Among the Hidden</i>	Haddix	Margaret Peterson	
<i>As Brave as You</i>	Reynolds	Jason	NEW
<i>Ashes</i>	Anderson	Laurie Halse	NEW
<i>Awkward</i>	Chmakova	Svetline	NEW
<i>Bad Island</i>	TeNapel	Doug	NEW
<i>Black Star, Bright Dawn</i>	O'Dell	Scott	
<i>Boy Who Saved Baseball, The</i>	Ritter	John H.	
<i>Candymakers, The</i>	Mass	Wendy	
<i>Dateline: Troy</i>	Fleischman	Paul	
<i>December Stillness</i>	Hahn	Mary Downing	
<i>Dragon's Keep</i>	Carey	Janet Lee	
<i>Eagle Strike</i>	Horowitz	Anthony	
<i>Echo</i>	Ryan	Pam Munoz	NEW
<i>Ender's Shadow</i>	Card	Orson Scott	
<i>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</i>	Fleischman	Sid	
<i>Fever 1793</i>	Anderson	Laurie Halse	
<i>Girl Who Drank the Moon, The</i>	Barnhill	Kelly	NEW
<i>Gregor the Overlander</i>	Collins	Suzanne	
<i>I will Always Write Back</i>	Aifirenka/Ganda	Caitlin/Martin	NEW
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Lai	Thanhha	
<i>Knucklehead: Tall Tales &amp; Mostly True Stories...</i>	Scieszka	Jon	
<i>Leaving Protection</i>	Hobbs	Will	

<i>Locomotion</i>	Woodson	Jacqueline	
<i>Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Book 2: Hammer of Thor</i>	Riordan	Rick	NEW
<i>Midnight for Charlie Bone</i>	Nimmo	Jenny	
<i>Notes From a Midnight Driver</i>	Sonnenblick	Jordan	
<i>Notorious Benedict Arnold</i>	Sheinkin	Steve	
<i>Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place, The</i>	Konigsburg	E.L.	
<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science</i>	Fleischman	John	
<i>Ruins of Gorlan, The</i>	Flanagan	John	
<i>Say Goodnight Gracie</i>	Deaver	Julie	
<i>So B. It</i>	Weeks	Sarah	
<i>Soar</i>	Bauer	Joan	NEW
<i>Splendors and Glooms</i>	Schlitz	Laura Amy	
<i>Stella by Starlight</i>	Draper	Sharon M.	NEW
<i>Supernaturalist, The</i>	Colfer	Eoin	
<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>	Tolan	Stephanie S.	
<i>The Boys Who Challenged Hitler</i>	Hoose	Phillip	NEW
<i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i>	Grisham	John	
<i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i>	Hopkinson	Deborah	
<i>Virals</i>	Reichs	Kathy	
<i>Wonder</i>	Palacio	R.J.	
<i>Yellow Star</i>	Roy	Jennifer	