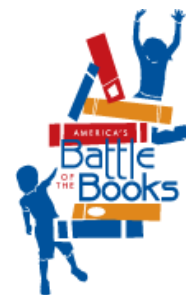


St. Joseph Catholic School

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

2023-2024



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 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 February 27, 2024.** 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 are not 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. It is important that students prepare for this day by reading the books and, as such, we have added an item to the contract students sign. Specifically, they agree to a pre-assessment prior to battle day to ensure they've read the list of books for their grade level.

If your child would like to participate, complete the attached permission slip, and return to your teacher by **Tuesday, October 31st**. 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.

Our 6th through 8th grade students are scheduled to read the book *Starfish*. It's a novel about a middle schooler's journey to a positive body image. We encourage parents and students to read the Author's Note at the back of the book and dialogue with each other about the importance of words to others. Additional details related to battle day will be sent as the date gets closer. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Nicole Pick (nicolempick@gmail.com) or Meena Davidson (meena.murthy1@gmail.com), or visit <https://www.battleofthebooks.org/> for general information.

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

Meena Davidson and Nicole Pick
BOTB Chairs

(See reverse for book lists)



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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	4
Coerr, Eleanor	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	4.1	1	1
Cohen, Barbara	Molly's Pilgrim	3	0.5	3
Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius	3.8	0.5	5
Dahl, Roald	George's Marvelous Medicine	4	2	2
Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach	4.8	4	3
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	3
Wildner, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the Big Woods	5.3	5	2
4th-5th Grades				
Chin, Jason	Your Place in the Universe	5.7	0.5	2
Ewing, Eve L.	Maya and the Robot	4.6	5.0	2
Grabenstein, Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	4.5	7.0	1
Holm, Jenniferl	Lion of Mars	4.0	6.0	1
Jones, Kelly	Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer	5.2	5.0	2
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted	4.6	8.0	2
Look, Lenore	Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things	4.5	4.0	2
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars	4.5	4.0	2
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet	5.7	7.0	1
Ryan, Pam Munoz.	Esperanza Rising	5.3	6.0	2
Wiles, Deborah	Love, Ruby Lavender	4.2	4.0	2
Yang, Kelly	Front Desk	4.5	9.0	2
6th, 7th, 8th Grades				
Burgan, Michael	Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor	7.1	1.0	2
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy	5.0	8.0	3
Engle, Margarita	Enchanted Air	6.1	2.0	2
Fipps, Lisa	Starfish	4.1	4.0	1
Freedman, Russell	Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty	8.4	4.0	1
Kelly, Lynne	Song for a Whale	5.3	9.0	2
Korman, Gordon	The Unteachables	5.1	8.0	2
Sloan, Holly	Counting by 7s	5.6	10.0	2
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and Other Stories	5.1	4.0	2
Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage	6.2	3.0	2
Wilson, Diane Lee	I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade	6.3	10.0	2
Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers	4.4	4.0	2



St. Joseph Catholic School
Battle of the Books 2023-24
Registration Form

****Please return by October 31st****

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 complete an assessment, if needed, to ensure I've read books prior to battle day.
- 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: _____