



# Battle of the Books



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**Who?** All middle school students (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) are invited to participate in the Battle of Books reading incentive program!

## **Why?**

- To build a love of reading
- To encourage students to read books they might not have chosen
- To engage students in an academic competition
- To connect schools and teachers across the state
- To have fun!

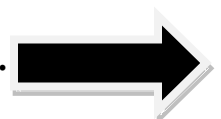
**What?** Students are invited to form a “battle” team of 2-4 members. Each team receives the same book list with 20 books of all different genres. As a team, all 20 books need to be read by **January 4th** – teams decide who will read which books; for example: a team of 4 members could divide the list up so each member reads 5 books from Sept-Jan.

**Preliminary Battle of the Books Competition (January):** teams meet during recess to “battle” each other. A “battle” is a rapid-fire back and forth between teams answering questions about the books. Correct answers earn points and top point earners move on to the next round.

**School Battle of the Books Competition during Catholic Schools Week (end of January):** the top 3 teams that earn the most points from the preliminary battles will compete in the school Battle of the Books competition during Catholic Schools Week (end of January) and a champion will be crowned.

**State Battle of the Books Competition:** NEW this year, in February the school champion will compete with schools from across Wisconsin in the state battle. The state battle will be done on-line – no travel necessary. The state champions will be announced in March.

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**When?** Students should begin reading now! Book lists were distributed in class and are listed below. Students will be given a “fact tracker” to use while reading to keep track of important points of the story. Students should finish reading by **January 4<sup>th</sup>** (use those days over Christmas break to finish!)

**How?** After forming a team and deciding who will read which books, students check-out books from their classroom library or the school library or the public library.

If the school has all copies checked-out of a particular book, don't dismay! Students may have to use their resourcefulness and visit public libraries to find the book they need. The book fair will also have most battle books for sale. The book fair will run in the library the week of Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be open in the afternoon/evening during conferences.

**Questions?** Please contact Mrs. Rebholz at [srebholz@saintsebs.org](mailto:srebholz@saintsebs.org)

### **Book List**

- \* **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova
- \* **Blackthorn Key, The** by Kevin Sands
- \* **Boy at War, A** by Harry Mazer
- \* **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down** by Jeff Kinney
- \* **Every Soul a Star** by Wendy Mass
- \* **Hello Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly
- \* **Honest Truth, The** by Dan Gemeinhart
- \* **Murder on the Orient Express** by Agatha Christie
- \* **Shadow Cipher, The** by Laura Ruby
- \* **Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam** by Cynthia Kadohata
- \* **I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World** by Malala Yousafzai (Young Reader edition)
- \* **Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** by Dusti Bowling
- \* **Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio** by Peg Kehret
- \* **Stormbreaker** by Anthony Horowitz
- \* **Took** by Mary Downing Hahn
- \* **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds
- \* **Seeing Red** by Kathryn Erskine
- \* **Projekt 1065** by Alan Gratz
- \* **Legend** by Marie Lu
- \* **One Came Home** by Amy Timberlake