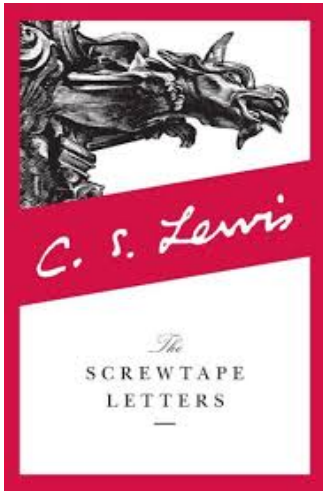


# Summer Reading

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2024

We look forward to welcoming our “seniors” back for their capstone year at Holy Cross Academy. Below are directions for successfully completing your summer reading assignment and being ready for success at the start of the school year.



Step 1: Read The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. There have been many editions printed throughout the year - the image at left is just one example. Arrive on the first day of school prepared to discuss and complete assignments on this novel.

Step 2: With your parents, select at least two books from the reading list for your grade. During the first few days of school, you will work in class on a project for one of the books you have chosen. Nothing needs to be written during the summer and no reading log needs to be completed. Just come to school having read the novel ☺.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Optional Summer Reading Books:

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible by Leon Leyson

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Gate by Nancy Carabio Belanger

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda

Listen Slowly by Thanhha Lai

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

October Sky by Homer Hicham

Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt

Perfect Blindside by Leslea Wahl

Project 1065: A Novel of World War II by Alan Gratz

The Red Scarf Girl, A Memoir of Cultural Revolution by Ji-li Jiang

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise Meitner by Marissa Moss