

Dear Reading Olympic Parents,

We are very excited to work with your child on the Reading Olympics Team. This year the event will be run by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The competition will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at St. Albert the Great School in Huntingdon Valley. A committee of administrators and teachers from Archdiocesan schools have prepared lists of books and questions that will be used. These books have been drawn from the lists of approved reading for this school year.

There will be two levels of participation:

Grades 4 and 5

Grades 6 and 8 **(Unfortunately, 7th grade students will not be able to participate this year due to Confirmation on the same date.)**

Students from each school will form teams of up to 12 students for elementary grades 4 to 5 and middle school grades 6, 7, and 8. Elementary and middle school teams will be provided with a list of 21-23 books per team. Each student will select at least two books from their list to read. Teams will come up with a fun name, read the books from the list, and compete in the spring competition. Students will work together to read the books, write questions about the books, and practice answering questions about all 25 books on the list. The teams will accumulate points for every correct answer during three rounds of questioning earning each team member a blue, red, or white ribbon based on the number of points their team has earned.

- **READ!!** Many books need to be read by our competition date. We do not give an assigned amount of books to be read by each child as all come to this team with different reading abilities. We do ask that they commit to continually reading books from our list prior to the competition. I have enclosed the lists for both 4-5 and 6-8.

- **Attend Meetings.** We will be holding meetings throughout the year, during lunch, to check on progress and discuss books.

- **Attend Competition-** April 23, 2026

Please sign the form and return by December 5, 2025. We need to see how many students are interested this year to determine the number of teams. The fee to participate in Reading Olympics is \$15. Please send cash or a check made payable to Saint Helena School.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

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Megan Cooke
Stephanie Zakrzewski
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Reading Olympics Contract I understand that, as a member of the SHS Reading Olympics, I am expected to read at least 2 books by May. I am aware of the commitment required to participate in Reading Olympics.

(Student's Signature)

(Parent's Signature)