Born in France in 1651 and considered the founder of Catholic schools, John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of teachers and principals. Through his generous spirit and acts, he made education accessible to the young, poor, and marginalized.

In this, the tercentenary -- 300th anniversary -- of the death of Saint John Baptist de La Salle (April 7, 1719), we are observing a year of celebration in the Lasallian World, embracing our call as Lasallians to be people of faith, service, and community.

In the spirit of our founder, we have put together a varying list of titles that speak to the values he embodied as a teacher and as an advocate for the impoverished. You are required to read two titles from the list, which covers a wide range of reading levels. We have identified titles that have been designated as YA books, but know that all students are welcome to select from the entire list.

Please do not approach your summer reading as a chore, but rather, an opportunity to enjoy a good story.

**Biography**


**The Teacher**

2. *Reading with Patrick: A Teacher, a Student, and a Life-Changing Friendship*, by Michelle Kuo
3. *Educated, a Memoir*, by Tara Westwood
4. *The Wednesday Wars*, by Gary D. Schmidt (YA)
5. *A Smile as Big as the Moon*, by Mike Kersjes (YA)
6. *The Skin I’m In*, by Sharon Flake (YA)

**The Advocate for Social Justice and Service to the Poor**

7. *All the Right Stuff*, by Walter Dean Myers (YA)
8. *Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption*, by Katie Davis Majors
9. *What the Eyes Don’t See*, by Mona Hanna-Atisha
10. *Moonrise*, by Sarah Crossan (YA)
11. *Mother Teresa: A Life Inspired*, by Wyatt North
12. *Twelve Angry Men*, by Reginald Rose
13. *Tatoos on the Heart*, by Gregory Boyle

**Answering an Unexpected Call**

14. *Arise: Live Out Your Faith and Dreams on Whatever Field Your Find Yourself*, by Clayton Kershaw
15. *I am Malala*, by Malala Yousafzai
16. *Everybody, Always*, by Bob Goff
17. *Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya
18. *A Wizard of Earthsea*, by Ursula Le Guin (YA)
19. *Don Quixote*, by Miguel de Cervantes