



# NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

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## Rising Freshman/Sophomore Selections

### ***All Quiet on the Western Front* - Erich Maria Remarque (Historical Fiction)**

This is the testament of Paul Bäumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks in pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches.

### ***Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre* - Colbert (Nonfiction, History)**

A searing new work of nonfiction from award-winning author Brandy Colbert about the history and legacy of one of the most deadly and destructive acts of racial violence in American history: the Tulsa Race Massacre. Winner, Boston Globe-Horn Book Award

### ***Cosmic Queries* - Tyson (Nonfiction, Science)**

In this thought-provoking follow-up to his acclaimed StarTalk book, uber-astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson tackles the world's most important philosophical questions about the universe with wit, wisdom, and cutting-edge science. For science geeks, space and physics nerds, and all who want to understand their place in the universe, this enlightening new book from Neil deGrasse Tyson.

### ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* - Haddon (Mystery, Fiction, Math)**

A modern classic—both poignant and funny—about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world.

### ***Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* - Maldonado (Modern Fiction)**

Meet Charlie Vega: half-Puerto Rican in a white Connecticut town, body-positive (or trying to be) despite her mother's fat-shaming, best friend to the amazing Amelia, never been kissed. Charlie is determined to find a way to be more than just the fat brown girl standing in Amelia's perfect shadow.

### ***How Do You Live?* - Yoshino (Fiction, Translation)**

After the death of his father, fifteen-year-old Copper must confront inevitable and enormous change, including the aftermath of his own betrayal of his best friend. Between episodes of Copper's emerging story, letters from his uncle share knowledge and offer advice on life's big questions. Like his namesake Copernicus, Copper looks to the stars and uses his discoveries about the heavens, earth, and human nature to answer the question of how he will live.

### ***Love in English* - Andreu (Modern Fiction)**

When Ana immigrates to New Jersey from Argentina at sixteen, she has to grapple with a new country, new school, changed family dynamics, and two very different boys, all in a language in which she hasn't achieved fluency.

***Miles Morales: Spider-Man* (A Marvel YA Novel) - Reynolds (Fiction, Graphic Novel)**

Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner every Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, Ganke, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship spot at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider-Man.

***Rez Ball* - Graves (Fiction, Sports)**

When Jaxon's former teammates on the varsity team offer to take Tre under their wing, he sees this as his shot to represent his Ojibwe rez all the way to their first state championship. This is the first step toward his dream of playing in the NBA, no matter how much the odds are stacked against him.

***Shoe Dog* - Knight (Memoir, Nonfiction, Sports, Business)**

In this candid and riveting memoir, for the first time ever, Nike founder and CEO Phil Knight shares the inside story of the company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands.

***Stateless* - Wein (Historic Fiction)**

As the only female pilot in a high-stakes aviation race for young people set during pre-WW II Europe, Stella North must band together with other young pilots to solve the mystery of why one pilot seemingly purposefully caused the death of another.

***The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* - Gladwell (Nonfiction, Psychology)**

The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate. This widely acclaimed bestseller, in which Malcolm Gladwell explores and brilliantly illuminates the tipping point phenomenon, is already changing the way people throughout the world think about selling products and disseminating ideas.

***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* - Smith (Historic Fiction)**

A beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the twentieth century. Betty Smith has, in the pages of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, captured the joys of humble Williamsburg life—from “junk day” on Saturdays, when the children traded their weekly take for pennies, to the special excitement of holidays, bringing cause for celebration and revelry. Smith has created a work of literary art that brilliantly captures a unique time and place as well as deeply resonant moments of universal experience. Here is an American classic that “cuts right to the heart of life,” hails the *New York Times*. “If you miss *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, you will deny yourself a rich experience.”

***Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc* - Elliot (Verse, Religion)**

Told through medieval poetic forms and in the voices of the people and objects in Joan of Arc's life (including her family and even the trees, clothes, cows, and candles of her childhood), *Voices* offers an unforgettable perspective on an extraordinary young woman. Along the way, it explores timely issues

such as gender, misogyny, and the peril of speaking truth to power. Before Joan of Arc became a saint, she was a girl-inspired. It is that girl we come to know in Voices.