

Our Lady of Hope



Catholic School

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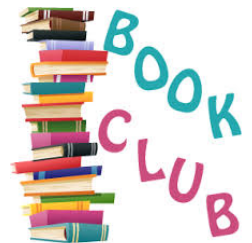
The Our Lady of Hope Battle of the Books (BOB) Book Club is a voluntary reading program that is open to 5th & 6th grade students and part of a reading enrichment program offered to students in Catholic K-8 schools in the Diocese of Arlington. During the course of the school year participating students read from a pre-selected list of 12 books and engage in a variety of activities to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the books read. In the spring, teams of 5th and/or 6th grade students representing each participating school meet for the annual "Battle of the Books" competition. The "Battle" is similar to the "It's Academic" or "College Bowl" event where teams from each school are asked questions about the books on the list. The school teams earn points for questions answered correctly. The Grand Champion team is awarded a certificate, medals and the "Battle of the Books" banner which travels each year to the winning school.

Tentatively the Book Club will either meet **Tuesdays or Thursdays** before or after school throughout the year in the library but I am open to a discussion of the best time.

Participants **must have a signed permission form** to participate, a copy of each book and be prepared to discuss each book at our meetings. Our **first interest meeting** will be **Thursday September 5th at 3:15** in the library, parents are welcome to attend. We will discuss the book list, the format of our meetings, and meeting dates and times.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [msmall@ourladyofhope.net](mailto:msmall@ourladyofhope.net).

In Christ,  
Mrs. Small



## Reading List for 2024-2025 School Year (5th & 6th Grade)

### **Adventure**

*15 Secrets to Survival* by Natalie Richards

*The Verdigris Pawn* by Alysa Wishingrad

### **Catholic Library Association (CLA)**

*All He Knew* by Helen Frost

### **Classic**

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

### **Fantasy**

*The Puppets of Spelhorst* by Kate DiCamillo

*Sweep: A Girl and Her Monster* by Jonathan Auxier

### **Historical Fiction**

*Brother's Keeper* by Julie Lee

*A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus

### **Mystery**

*The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks

### **Nonfiction**

*Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor* by Michael Burgan

*The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global  
Celebrity* by Nicholas Day

### **Realistic Fiction**

*Ginny Off the Map* by Caroline Hickey



Our Lady of Hope Catholic School  
2024-2025 Book Club Permission Form

Please return to Mrs. Small

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred meeting time? Circle one:

Tuesday AM (7:15- 8:00 AM)

Tuesday PM (3:10-4:00 PM)

Thursday AM (7:15 - 8:00 AM)

Thursday PM (3:10-4:00PM)

If meeting after school will your student be picked up or going to extended day?  
Circle One

Picked Up

Extended Day

Name and phone number where someone can be reached in case of an emergency?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of responsible person that is allowed to pick up your child:

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