

## Important Junior High Reminder

Sixth grade students **and** new seventh grade students are **required** to attend a study skills seminar to be held on **Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6:00 PM** in the St. Margaret School cafeteria  
One parent or guardian must accompany each student.  
Pizza and drinks will be served before the seminar.

**All** junior high students have summer reading that must be completed by the beginning of school. Choose one of the two selections from the reading list. The students will be tested on the book during the first full week of school.

SMCS Summer Reading List		
Sixth Grade	<u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u> by Gary Blackwood	A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.
	<u>Matilda</u> by Roald Dahl	Matilda is a sweet five-year-old with extraordinary mental powers-powers that she uses to teach her school's evil head mistress a lesson she will never forget!
Seventh Grade	<u>Fever 1793</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson	In 1793 Philadelphia, 14 year old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about self-reliance when she is forced to cope with a yellow fever epidemic..
	<u>Julie of the Wolves</u> by Jean Craighead George	While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.
Eighth Grade	<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> by Madeline L'Engle	Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.
	<u>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</u>  by Jordan Sonnenblick	Thirteen-year-old Steven plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece.