

## IONA CATHOLIC S.S. LEARNING COMMONS

# ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM



*We lose ourselves in  
books. We find  
ourselves there, too.*

### ACCELERATED READER AT-A-GLANCE

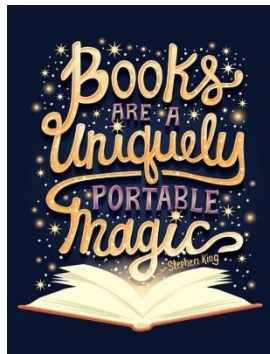
The Accelerated Reader Program is a program run by Renaissance Learning, a technology-based educational company, that focuses on fostering a love for reading at all levels.

The program has been designed to encourage and reward students for reading.

Students select books that are of interest to them, and at their appropriate reading level.

Library staff will happily assist students in finding books that match their interests.

Students read books, write tests based on what they read, and accumulate points that go towards their final English marks.



*"Reading is to the mind what  
exercise is to the body."*

*Joseph Addison*

### ACCELERATED READER POINTS

All students in grade 9 and 10 will be required to earn points in the program.

Students in Academic English classes are required to earn 30 points. Students in Applied and Locally Developed English classes are required to earn 15 points. 5% of the final English mark comes from the points earned in the Accelerated Reader Program.

## BOOK SELECTION

All Accelerated Reader books in our Learning Commons can be identified by the blue Accelerated Reader sticker on the spine.



While most of the AR books are works of **fiction**, there are several **non-fiction AR** books as well.

Students will find the Reading Level and Point Value on the inside cover of the AR book. Students should select books based on interest as well as appropriate reading level. If students are unsure of books they might like, we have a number of "If you like..." bookmarks in the library to assist students in book selection.

Students are to use their Iona Student Card to sign out books and they may sign out only ONE AR book at a time.



## TAKING AN AR TEST

Students are encouraged to read their AR book every day until they have finished, and then write the test immediately afterwards.

The online AR tests are written in the Learning Commons on designated computers. Students must provide their Iona Student Card in order to write a test.

AR tests have been designed for students who have read and understood the book; not for those who have seen the film version. Students may only attempt an AR test once.

At the end of each test, students will be notified of their score, shown the questions that were incorrect, and given the points earned. Every two weeks, English teachers are provided with an updated report of students' AR points.



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