

THE BIG J READ

April 29, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to The Big **J** Read, Jesuit High School's first community read project.

Over the past several years, communities around the country have come together to read a common book. You may be familiar with our city's community read project, One Book One New Orleans. Now the community of Jesuit High School—students, teachers, staff, administration, parents, alumni, and friends—join together this summer in reading the same book.

And that book is *Boy's Life* by Robert McCammon. Since this is a community project, we are strongly encouraging **you** to participate—participate by reading the book yourself and by engaging your son in conversation about the story.

The book goes on sale next week here at school. Three sales locations will be set up, two in the Student Commons and one outside the Resource Center in the Hall of Honors. We will sell the book before school, 7:25 – 7:45 a.m., and during the lunch period, 12:10 – 1:00 p.m. Though the list price is \$7.95, we will sell the book for **\$7.00**. Payment may be by check or exact change. Your son is required to have the book in his English class on Friday, May 8. After the student sales, we will determine if we have enough books to sell to the parents. Stay tuned.

This is not the usual book assignment with an objective evaluation on a set date. This is a community endeavor designed to foster both the pleasures of reading a book and the pleasures of discussing that book. To facilitate both goals, we are preparing several events including a visit and presentation by the author during the first days of school in August. In the meantime, let's meet on the Jesuit website for information and to discuss the novel.

We look forward to your participation in The Big **J** Read. Enjoy the read. Enjoy the magic. AMDG.

Sincerely,



Mike Giambelluca
Principal