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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is once again time for the Battle of the Books, a voluntary reading incentive program for all interested students at SMS. The purpose is to read good books and have fun while competing with peers in a social and respectful manner.

A list of books is available to our students and can also found on the school website in the LMC area. All of the titles are for 6th-8th grades combined. This list includes some current and past Nutmeg Award titles, which were selected by librarians, students and teachers for the statewide reading program as well as additional titles selected by SMS teachers. These titles are available for students to borrow in the LMC and many are available as ebooks and downloadable audiobooks from our own online card catalog or from the New Milford Public Library.

In this friendly competition, students read as many books on the list as they choose. The more they read, the better prepared they will be. Classroom ELA or Reading teachers will determine the teams made up of students who will collectively be able to answer comprehension questions about the books. These teammates will then move on to the grade level battle which takes place in the LMC in the spring.

Along the way to the spring "Battle", students will be able to answer weekly trivia questions for a chance to win prizes. There will also be a mid-winter Read-a-thon pizza social after school on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The snow date is Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. See attached permission slip for participation.

Please encourage your child to participate in any or all of the associated activities. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Susan Baerny  
Library Media Specialist

***Schaghticoke Middle School Vision Statement***

*Schaghticoke Middle School is made up of a community of learners: students, parents, faculty, staff, administration, and citizens of the greater New Milford area. The foundation of our vision lies upon the positive reinforcement of character: integrity, responsibility, respect, and fairness. Together we will work to create an environment in which all students can reach their potential academically, socially, and emotionally under the guidance and nurturing support of the Schaghticoke community members. We will collaborate to foster an atmosphere of trust and support in order to encourage teachers and students to explore new initiatives in curriculum and assessment to improve student achievement.*

Registration Form for Afterschool Clubs & Activities

Print and complete this registration form and return it to the school's Main Office. *by Feb 7, 2018*

Student's First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY / CLUB: *Read-A-Thon for Battle of the Books*  
*Monday 2/12/18 (snowdate 2/26/18)*

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: There is a late bus available to any student participating in an afterschool activity on Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY. This bus will not drop off students to their home, instead it will drop off students at one of the following stops. Please note the bus does drop off only, it does not wait to see if a parent is there for pick-up. IF your child plans to use this bus which leaves school at 4:00\*, please indicate the drop-off location he/she will be using:

\_\_\_\_ Town Green near Post Office (ETA 4:05)

\_\_\_\_ Rt. 7 <sup>Bible Baptist Church</sup> ~~near power plant~~ (ETA 4:10)

\_\_\_\_ Sarah Noble Intermediate School (ETA 4:20)

\_\_\_\_ Hill & Plain Elementary School (ETA 4:25)

\*Students will remain under the supervision of a certified staff member until the bus arrives at 4:00

\_\_\_\_ I do not plan for my child to take the late bus. I plan to pick up my child at the end of each club session.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_