



June, 2010

Dear Freshmen and Parents,

We have an exciting year planned for you this fall. This year freshmen students will be studying Ancient Greek and Roman Literature. The curriculum committee has chosen an ambitious reading list that includes many of the greatest epics, poems, and plays our Western literary tradition has to offer. I am confident that this introduction to the classics will deepen students' appreciation of literature and will help them become better writers.

Summer Reading

To get a jump on the year, the curriculum committee has assigned the tragedy *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles, and sections from Edith Hamilton's book *Mythology*. We will also be using these works during the school year, so please make sure you have the editions listed below. Students are to read all of *Oedipus the King* and the following sections from *Mythology*:

- From Part One: (1) The Gods (2) The Two Great Gods of Earth (3) How the World and Mankind Were Created
- From Part Two (5) Cupid and Psyche (7) The Quest of the Golden Fleece
- All of Part Three: The Great Heroes Before the Trojan War
- All of Part Four: The Heroes of the Trojan War

Students should be prepared to discuss these works during the first few weeks of the school year. There is no written assignment over the summer, so just read and enjoy!

Books to Purchase

All works of literature must be purchased for each student for the beginning of the school year. Siblings may not share books because each student needs to have his own book in hand every class. Many of these books are available at major book stores, but I suggest ordering them all online because it is usually cheaper. They can all be found at www.amazon.com. The prices listed here are for brand new books, but most of them can be found **used for less** on the Amazon website. Used books can take longer to ship to your house, so don't wait until a week before school starts to order!

Students are required to use the particular editions listed below. This is especially important because you are reading translations of works originally written in Greek or Latin, and everyone needs to be using the same translation.

Students may not use abridged editions of any of these books.

SMA owns used copies of some of these books. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$7.00 each. Office summer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday

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for the months of June and August. The office is closed in July and on Fridays in June and August.

Mythology by Hamilton (8.3 X 5.3 inches) ISBN 0316341517 \$10.00
(6.6 X 4.2 inches) ISBN 0446607258 \$8.00

There are two sizes of this book, each with a slightly different cover. The smaller one has the subtitle *Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*. The text of these two sizes is exactly the same and either is ok for the class.

*Sophocles I: Oedipus the King,
Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone*
By Sophocles and translated by Grene The University of Chicago Press
ISBN 0226307921 \$11.00

The Iliad by Homer Farrar, Straus and Giroux Pub
Translated by Fitzgerald ISBN 0374529051 \$11.50

The Odyssey by Homer Harper Perennial Modern Classics
Translated by Lattimore ISBN 0060931957 \$10.00
(The publisher recently came out with a new cover for this book and charges \$20 for it. Just click on the second paperback option to find the older version for \$10 or for less used.)

The Oresteia Trilogy by Aeschylus Penguin Classics Edition
Translated by Fagels ISBN 0140443339 \$9.00

Julius Caesar by Shakespeare Folger Shakespeare Library Edition
ISBN 0743484932 \$10.00

The Aeneid by Vergil Yale University Press
Translated by Sarah Ruden ISBN 0300151411 \$12.00

Meditations by Marcus Aurelius Dover Thrift Edition
ISBN 048629823X \$3.00

In addition to the works of fiction listed above, each St. Monica Academy high school student must own a copy of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. This book must be purchased at the beginning of a student's high school career. It will be used all four years of high school, and most likely in college as well.

*MLA Handbook for Writers
Of Research Papers*, 6th Edition Modern Language Association of
by Joseph Gibaldi America
ISBN 9780873529860 \$16.00

I look forward to seeing familiar faces again in the fall, and to meeting all our new students. A short list of recommended books for summer reading is included in this packet. Enjoy your summer and be sure to read!

Mrs. Christine Halpin

ST. MONICA ACADEMY
SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS 2010

High School

Title	Author
Pius X, A Country Priest	Giordani, Igino
That Hideous Strength	Lewis, C.S.
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Maria
Song of Bernadette	Werfel, Franz
War of the Worlds	Well, H. G.
Bridges at Toko-Ri	Michener, James
When Hell Was in Session	Denton, Jeremiah
The Prince and the Pauper	Twain, Mark
Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass	Douglass, Frederick
Gone With the Wind	Mitchell, Margaret
Bridge of San Luis Rey	Wilder, Thornton
The Three Musketeers	Dumas, Alexander
Song at the Scaffold	Von Le Fort, Gertrud
Murder in the Cathedral	Eliot, T.S.
Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily
Story of the Trapp Family Singers	Trapp, Maria Augusta
A Man for All Seasons	Bolt, Robert
John Paul the Great	Noonan, Peggy