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Dear Freshmen,

Welcome to St. John's College. Here are your assignments for your first meetings of each class.

**SEMINAR:** Be prepared to discuss the first six books of *The Iliad*. Please use a translation that has line numbers. (Note: a complete schedule of seminar readings will be posted on the website, and the dean's office will email a copy shortly after you arrive.)

**LANGUAGE TUTORIAL:** When you arrive on campus, purchase at the bookstore *An Introduction to Ancient Greek* by Mollin and Williamson (4<sup>th</sup> edition, from Hamilton Books). Read Lesson One, concentrating on pages 2-5. Memorize the Greek alphabet so that when you come to your first language class you can:

1)

4) pronounce the words in the exercise on page 3

**MATHEMATICS TUTORIAL:** Be prepared to discuss the Definitions, Postulates, and Common Notions in Book I of Euclid's *Elements*. At convocation, you will be presented with Euclid's *Elements* as a gift from the University of Virginia.

materials that you will receive at the time of registration. Here is a link to the first

[www.sjc.edu/freshman-first-lab-reading](http://www.sjc.edu/freshman-first-lab-reading)

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Sincerely,