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Dear English I students,

The English Department is eager to welcome you all to Saint Ignatius High School! This summer we ask that you spend some time engaged in active summer reading. **All incoming freshmen enrolled in English I should read *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx.** A description of the title is provided in the link below. *Season of Life* will introduce you to the idea of what it means to be a man for others -- an integral part of your formation here at Saint Ignatius High School.

[*Season of Life: a Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood* by Jeffrey Marx](#)

Summer Reading Assessment

All students should complete the summer reading guide for *Season of Life* linked below. **The summer reading guide will be collected for a grade on the first day your English class meets for the 2022-2023 school year and will serve as the foundation for further in-class discussion on the novel.** A copy of the summer reading guide can also be found on the school's website.

[*Season of Life* Summer Reading Guide](#)

Availability

Saint Ignatius High School has copies of the summer reading text available for students. A free copy of the text may be obtained on campus during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.) June 6-July 29 in the principal's office located on the first floor of the Main Building. If desired, you may also purchase your own copy of the text or use an e-book.

Active Reading Strategies

In addition to completing the summer reading guide, the English Department encourages students to engage in active reading as they complete the summer reading text. Effective reading strategies may include:

- **Recording chapter summaries.** Take some time at the end of each chapter to write, in your own words, what the chapter was about.
- **Annotating while reading.** Make notes on important events, character developments, symbols, use of literary elements, and your own observations.
- **Asking critical thinking questions.** What questions do you have after reading your book? What are the issues, viewpoints, and themes of the book? How does the content of this book apply to your life or the lives of others?

We hope the summer break provides you with some time to rest, reflect, and prepare for the new academic year at Saint Ignatius High School. Any questions regarding summer reading should be forwarded to ababb@ignatius.edu.

Sincerely,

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