

## **Oxyrhynchus Papyri 10, no. 1296**

Aurelus Dius, to Arelius Horion, my sweetest Father. Many greetings! I say a prayer to the gods of this region every day for you. Do not be worried about our studies, father. We are working hard and getting plenty of sleep, so that everything will go well with us. Greet my mother Tamiae and my sisters Thepherous and Philous; also greet my brother Patermouthins and my sister Thermouthis; and greet also my brother Heracleis and my brother Kollouchis; and greet my father Melanus and my mother Timpesouris and her son. Greetings to all of you from Gaia, and from my father Horion and Thermouthis. I pray that you enjoy good health, father.

## **Apion's Letter to his father Epimachus**

Apion to Epimachus his father and lord,  
many greetings. Before all things I pray that you  
are in health, and that you prosper and fare well  
continually together with my sister and her  
daughter and my brother. I thank the lord  
Serapis that when I was in peril on the sea he  
saved me immediately. When I came to Misene, I  
received as journey money from the Caesar  
three pieces of gold. And it is well with me but I  
urge you, my lord father, to write me a little  
letter: first, about your welfare; second, about  
my brother and sister; third, so that I may do  
obeisance to your hand, because you have  
taught me well and I have hopes therefore of  
advancing quickly, if the gods are willing. Greet  
Capito much and my brother and sister and  
Serenilla and my friends. By Euctemon I am  
sending you a little picture of myself.  
Furthermore, my name is (now) Antonis  
Maximus. Be well, I pray. Centuris Athenonica  
(my military unit). The following send their  
greetings: Serenus the son of Agathus Daemon,  
and..... the son of... Gallonius, and..... the son  
of ..... Farewell!