



Maryland Junior Classical League



ubi concordia, ibi victoria -- Where there is unity, there is victory

MDJCL Spring Convention “The Theseus Games”



April 9th and 10th, 2016
10:00_{am} Saturday – 3:00_{pm} Sunday

The Country School
716 Goldsborough St
Easton, MD 21601

Tentative Schedule of Events

Time	Events (Saturday)		
10:00 - 10:30	Registration and Muffins		
10:30 - 11:00	Opening Assembly - Introductions, spirit competition		
11:00 - 12:30	Certamen - 3 rounds		
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch		
1:15 - 3:00	Athletics/Ludi/Reenactors		
3:15 - 3:45 3:45 - 4:15 4:15 - 4:45	Colloquia		
	Improptu Art (Hunger Games style!)	Learn to Play Scopa	Dramatic Interpretation
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	Spelling Bee	Latin Alive!	Nationals Interest Meeting
4:45 - 5:45	Academic testing		
5:45 - 6:30	Dinner + Group Picture		
6:30 - 7:00	Meet the Candidates / Question Session		
7:00 - 7:30	Greek Dancing		
7:30 - 9:00	Toga party / Talent Show		
Throughout the Day	Game Room, Art contests, Bazaar, M&M Mosaic, Food Drive		

Time	Events (Sunday)		
9:30 - 10:00	Welcome back!		
10:00 - 11:00	Final Round of Certamen		
11:00 - 11:30	Final Candidate Speeches → Election		
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch		
12:15 - 1:15	Gladiator Tournament		
1:15 - 2:00	Award Ceremony + Farewells		

Details and other Important Information

Certamen: Certamen is a trivia competition similar to “It’s Academic!” This competition is held at Latin I, II, III, and Advanced levels and pits students from different Maryland schools against each other. Categories of questions include: grammar, vocabulary, Greek and Roman mythology, history, literature, and daily life.

Colloquia: This year’s colloquia will be interactive, hands-on workshops led by teachers or state officers, meant to encourage interest in a variety of topics and to foster friendships with other Latin students. Here is a brief description of each colloquium:

It Is Alive! with Magistra Mitchell: Let me show you how much you already know about speaking Latin!

Impromptu Art run by EHS. The cornucopia of art supplies lies in the middle...at the signal, competitors will “fight” for the supplies they desire. Whoever completes the best artwork on the theme, is the victor.

Scopa with Magister Moore (ERHS): learn how to play this Italian card game.

Spelling Bee with Magistra Olson (LBHS): learn and experience Spelling Bee...in Latin!

Nationals with Ellie (state President): anyone interested in attending the National JCL convention this summer, let’s get together and make some plans!

Game Room: Throughout the weekend there will be a room with a variety of board games played. This is where students should go if they need a break or are not participating in the main activity. We will be playing

Scrabble (Latin words!)

Verba (a Latin version of Apples to Apples!!)

Rota (a Roman soldier’s game, kind of like Tic-Tac-Toe)

Reenactors: We are fortunate enough to host some members of Legio XX, a group that has become experts in Roman military and civil life.

Food Drive: bring as many non-perishable food items as your cars can fit. The school that contributes the most will receive great accolades and a mystery prize.

Dramatic Interpretation: Are you an actor at heart? Do you like to do dramatic readings? The Dramatic Interpretation Contest is designed for just such students. Participants will memorize an assigned passage and deliver it dramatically (with appropriate emotion and gestures). Students will be assessed on the accuracy of their Latin and on their style of delivery. The selected passages can be found at the NJCL website <http://www.njcl.org/uploads/files/Convention/DramaticInterp2016.pdf>

We would really love to see more students participating in all categories! Be bold!

Art Projects

This year we will be having a prepared art showcase. You can submit pieces to the art showcase for judging and observation, but they must be prepared before the convention date

Art Showcase

Students can submit artwork in any of the following categories:

- 2D art
- 3D art, including models
- Historical/mythological scene recreation with marshmallow Peeps
- Scrapbook

Submissions will be judged on the basis of:

- Originality/Creativity
- Design and Color
- Effect of Humor/Message
- Accuracy/Authenticity
- Neatness
- Correct Latin/English explanations
- Overall Effect

- Adherence to category's rules
(2D art must be flat, 3D art should rise off a surface, and mosaics MUST contain more than 3 pieces of material. Peep diorama must use marshmallow peeps to represent people or animals and represent an event from ancient history/mythology. Scrapbooks should contain photographs, and will be judged on how closely they adhere to the definition of "scrapbook" in the Merriam-Webster dictionary: "(noun) a blank book in which various items (as newspaper clippings or pictures) are collected or preserved". We give preferential treatment to scrapbooks that relate to JCL.

Bazaar: Does your Latin club have a cool tee-shirt that you would like to sell? Do you have buttons, magnets, or any other classical item you could sell in our marketplace? Latin clubs are invited to bring whatever items they have to sell; proceeds will go to individual clubs. The bazaar will be open for business throughout the weekend.

Post Cenam

Greek Dancing : Dulaney High School's JCL chapter will be leading us in Greek dancing. That's right, each of us will be a graceful butterfly hopping around to cool, Greek music.

Talent/Variety Show : We want to see how impressive all our members are—whether related to their Latin skills or not. Please prepare a performance to show off your talents, whatever they may be. We welcome singing, dancing, skits, playing of instruments, acrobatics, martial arts, and more skits. Please bring whatever music and props you need.

Ludi

Golden Apples Race: a race, with a twist: each contestant must acquire an “Apple” (balls thrown onto the course by the referee) in order to cross the finish line.

Ultimate Discus: Who says Latin is just book work? For the ultimate competition, we’ve taken the awesome sport of Ultimate Frisbee and turned it into Ultimate Discus! Band together with friends (or athletically inclined classmates) and compete to be the ultimate Ultimate Discus team in all Maryland JCL! Let the games begin!

Capture the Helen: Just like capture the flag... but with Helen..

Official Rules:

There will be two teams, The Greeks and the Trojans. The Greeks line up on one side of the field and the Trojans line up on the other side. Each team will have 4 items placed in hula-hoops on their side Helen, Paris, a football, and a Frisbee. Each team’s goal is to capture the items and bring them back to their side. The football and the Frisbee must be thrown across the centerline while Helen and Paris must be carried. Meanwhile, the other team works to tag them and send them to the “jail”. The jail is the group of cones at the end of each teams side. A player can free teammates from jail by touching a team member in jail. ALL teammates in jail are released and must go back to their side before trying to capture items. If tagged while holding an item the item must be returned to its original hula-hoop and the player goes to jail. Once a player reaches a hula-hoop they are “safe” and can remain in the hula-hoop as long as they wish. Only one person may be in a hula-hoop at a time. Defending players must be at least 10 feet away from hula-hoops when no one is in them (ie. No cherry picking). After a team captures items they should give them to the official scorekeeper. The first team to capture all 4 items wins.

Gladiator Tournament: Students will compete one on one...gladiator-style!

To win a player must “hit” their opponent specifically in their arms and legs. If the opponent is hit they “lose” their limbs and must evade the other hits. For example, if they are hit in the leg they must hop on one foot for the rest of the match. However, players are permitted to wear armor, which adds one layer of protection then must be removed. To clarify, armor is like an extra “life” in that specific limb even though it might not protect the entire limb in truth. Players are permitted, if they wish, to bring their own “weapons” as long as they adhere to the guidelines below. Players must remain in the specified area during the fight. Hits to the head are strictly forbidden and sportsmanship is of utmost importance failure to adhere to these rules will result in the player’s removal from the tournament.

Guidelines and Tips for Weapons and Armor:

- Armor must be in some way authentic to classical armor.
- Any type of weapon can be used as long as it is padded sufficiently with foam or something of the like.
- The whole weapon must be padded.
- No sharp edges.
- A moderator must approve ALL weapons before use.
- Moderators of the Tournament reserve the right to refuse any armor and weapons if deemed unacceptable of any reason.
- Since the Romans traditionally used swords in battle, these are recommended.
- NERF like swords will be provided to all participants; They are not required to bring their own but may if they wish.

Election Information

Being an officer in MDJCL requires quarterly meetings with the rest of the MDJCL board. An integral part of being an MDJCL officer is attendance at these board meetings. Since we do not meet that often, **the most important part of being an officer is frequent correspondence and communication through email/Facebook.** We brainstorm, discuss, and plan. We establish schedules and judging criteria; we assign jobs large and small; we talk out kinks in the membership drive, the activities, and the individual clubs' participation.

We would like representation from as many schools as possible—please consider applying!

MDJCL Offices Open:

- **President**-Presides over the board meetings and may speak on behalf of MDJCL when the occasion arises. He/she stays aware of the activities of the other officers and assists them when appropriate.
- **Vice President**- Assists the president and the other officers, while in charge of the promotion and membership of MDJCL.
- **Parliamentarian**- Presides over the election. This entails keeping up correspondence with candidates and supervising the rules for eligibility.
- **Webmaster**- In charge of updating and managing our state's website on a timely basis. Needs experience and knowledge in web design.
- **Historian**- Keeps a record of the year's history and events, including Latin events in the surrounding area. Corresponds with NJCL to get information about national activities. Takes accurate notes during the meetings and distributes them to the other officers, and ensures communication and correspondence within the board. NOTE: THIS POSITION NOW HAS THE DUTIES OF SECRETARY, a position which we have eliminated.
- **Editor**- Creates an issue of The Torch to be distributed at each Certamen event, and works with the board to make decisions.

(see attached application for requirements)

Amendments

If any school would like to propose changes to our constitution, please bring it to the attention of one of the officers before April 5th and it shall be addressed.

MD Junior Classical League Officer Candidate Application

Name: _____ School: _____

2016-2017 Latin level: _____

email address: _____ cell phone: _____

Circle the office for which you are applying:

President

Vice-President

Parliamentarian

Historian

Editor

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Requirements for Office:

1. Compose a short paragraph from one of the two prompts below for a pre-election newsletter. Email this to ikunz@tcps.k12.md.us by April 1, 2016.
 - a. Share one experience you have had with your local JCL chapter this year that demonstrates your capacity to be a leader.
 - b. Give and explain one idea that you have for making MDJCL a better organization in the future.
2. Complete this form (with the signed teacher recommendation) and bring it with you to convention.
3. Bring an election poster with your picture on it to the convention.
4. Compose a speech (not to exceed two minutes) to be delivered at the convention.
5. Please send out webmaster (webmaster@mdjcl.org) some fun facts or resume materials about yourself for the website ASAP for people to get to know you.

Teacher's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

Your parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

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MDJCL SPRING CONVENTION 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Registration **MUST** be completed online this year by each individual attendee.

-- please find the link at mdjcl.org or our other social media sites --

Payment may be made through Paypal online or with check or cash upon arrival.

please register soon so we can know your shirt size, colloquia/food preferences

Pecunia

The \$45 attendance fee helps us pay to use the building and all materials, but will also guarantee each student a lunch on Saturday (Chick-fil-A), a dinner on Saturday (Chipotle), lunch on Sunday (pizza), and a state t-shirt. Both hotels include free breakfast for Sunday morning.

If your students wish to bring their own food and not pay for the food we will provide, they may pay a \$25 attendance fee. Chaperones who wish to attend and participate in meals may pay a \$20 fee as well. Please indicate this on your registration.

We have reserved two blocks of rooms at adjacent hotels very near the school (~5 minute drive) at a discounted group rate:

The Holiday Inn Express

8561 Ocean Gateway
Easton, Maryland 21601
(410) 819-6500
(\$135/room)

The Comfort Inn

8523 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 820-8333
(\$115/room)

Reservations must be made by individuals and paid for directly to the hotel, though we encourage students to share rooms. The rooms will be held until March 16th.

**we would like to offer some need-based "grants" to students who wish to attend but whose families are unable to pay the fee. Please contact Magistra Kunz (ikunz@tcps.k12.md.us) about this privately.