Salvete omnes! Are you all ready to kick off another amazing year of Latin? From museum trips to certamina to spelling bees and more, it looks like we'll have plenty of excellent events to keep us satisfied! Our first certamen is at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, themed around Lucius Cornelius Sulla, the Roman general and statesman. In honor of Halloween, expect questions about death and the afterlife in the ancient world, as well as the Costume Contest, featuring Laocoon, Iphigenia, and Priam and Hecuba! And, of course, look forward to ludi. Whether you are here to compete or just to watch, be sure to have fun.

Best wishes from your editor,
Will Zhao
Hello MDJCLers, November is upon us! This month we would like to remind everyone about LUDI (yay!!!) preparations for State Convention! This year, we are bringing back chariot races, so grab a group of friends and build a super-cool and super-speedy chariot! Once that’s done, you could practice for the gladiator fights by constructing your weapons and armor as well as practicing your fighting techniques! But, don’t forget about Ultimate Discus! You can form your team and practice your discus-throwing and catching skills in time to conquer at States! Also, November is a time for community service. This month’s service project option is a post-Halloween candy drive! At your school, you can collect as many candy donations as possible and give them to your local hospital for children who were not able to dress up and enjoy Halloween festivities. Vos amo MDJCLers!

- Ella Joshi

The Photo of the Month!

Congratulations to Penelope Owens, a sophomore from Linganore High School, for winning the first Photo of the Month with her photo of a prop used in “The Odyssey for Frat Boys.”
“To the exec board,  
I am so incredibly proud of all of you and I can’t wait to see what you accomplish this year. Your motivation is inspirational. I wish you the best for your first certamen and I can’t wait to see your beautiful faces again.”
- Ellie Kilmon

“Shout out to my MD Nationals group!  
I love you all a lot!!! Can’t wait for this summer :)
”
- Marina Panduwawala,  
  Easton High School

“Have fun at the first Certamen!  
Miss you all <3”
- Erin Pogue,  
  McDaniel College

“I love you @Prince DJ Bronah  
‘Cinnamon Bun’ Swagdaddy Manders”
- Ella Joshi,  
  Easton High School

“Mittens ‘clamor ex’ amico meo et liberi-spectatori, Magister Moore.  
NJCL aeternum!”
- Magistra Kunz,  
  Easton High School

Want to put a shout out in the Torch?  
Go to mdjcl.org in order to submit one!
We want YOU in the Torch!
Did you know that YOU can submit stories to the Torch? If you have any Classical stories to share, jokes, comics, or something interesting to say in general, email our editor at williamzhao417@gmail.com!

T-Shirt Design Contest
Got an idea for a cool shirt? You can design the MDJCL State T-Shirt! More information and deadlines to follow.
This year’s shirt theme is:
“Omnis ars naturae imitatio est.”

State Convention
The MDJCL 2017 State Convention will be hosted by Easton High School on April 1-2, 2017.

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