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MDJCL TORCH STATE CONVENTION

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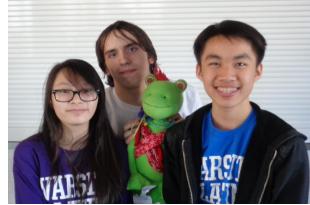


A WORD FROM EASTON

Salvete Omnes! We are so happy that you could join us for state convention in our very own school!!! Easton has been working on a WIDE variety of activities this year! All ranging from Pumpkin/Greek Vase Painting to Crane Making Races to attending every Certamen! Check out some of our photos! Feel free to ask any of the Easton kids any questions such as, "how much do you love JCL?" "are you going to Nationals this year?" "where's the bathroom?"

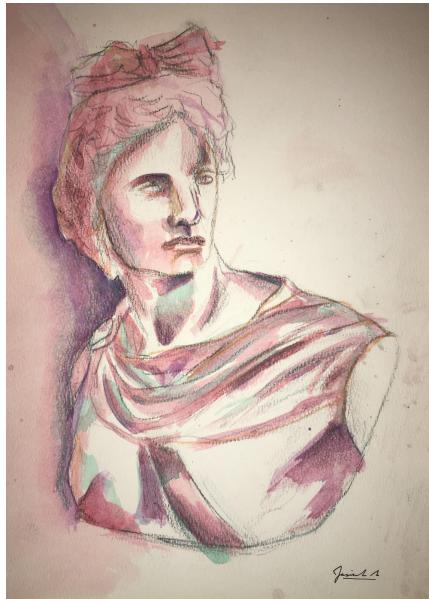
Thank you for coming<3

CONGRATULATIONS: CERTAMEN LUPERCALIUM

| | Novice | Intermediate | Advanced |
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| 1st |  ERHS |  ERHS |  Gilman |
| 2nd | St. John's | Rockbridge | Montgomery Blair |
| 3rd | ERHS | The Heights | St. John's |

SUBMISSIONS:

“What Does Music Sound Like”



Josiah Sanders
Easton High School

“The Death of Ajax”



Sara McGuire
Eleanor Roosevelt High School

MEET THE CANDIDATES

President

Salvete omnes! It's **Natasha Panduwawala** here, your current MDJCL president! After a successful year, I have made it my personal endeavor for this coming year to make MDJCL even better with my new experience and new ideas. To name them briefly, my ideas surround the greatest problem MDJCL has: chapter officer communication.

- Skype calls to directly inform leaders about upcoming events and discuss any questions that they might have as a group.
- Remind app is a text delivery platform that can be utilized to send information if one cannot attend a Skype call or if there is a small reminder that just needs to be sent quickly.

These two ideas alone will improve the unity in MDJCL. If you have any questions about these two ideas or the many others I have, please feel free to come up to me and ask!

Vice President

Salvete amici! As you may or may not know, my name is **Emily Redmond**, current Parliamentarian of MDJCL. From this past year, I have spent on this board, I have not only been able to forge many friendships amongst us Latin-lovers but I have experienced the behind-the-scenes to every event and fundraiser that has been held. I have had an incredible year being able to serve my constituents as not just an officer, but as a voice for the people of our organization. For the year of 2018-2019, I would like to take my year of experience, connections, and learning into the office of Vice President. One of the most vital lessons I have learned and carry close to my heart is that one person can cause a ripple, but working in unison, we can create waves. My goal as Vice President is to increase the people to people interaction amongst our organization. After working and meeting with the people of the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, I would like to coordinate service projects that involve either direct in-person work, or creation of items to be directly given to people in need in order to amplify the hard work, we as one organization, are able to generate. In addition, I would like to shine our JCL light through our spirit every month through challenges, games, & activities for not only students to enjoy, but even our dedicated teachers. Have any questions? Feel free to come up and ask me about my plans! I'd love to chat.

Parliamentarian

Hi, I'm **Mika Saro Kretzmann-Clough** and I'd like to be running for MDJCL Parliamentarian for the 2018-2019 year. I will be answering the question of one idea to make MDJCL a better organization. I would put a larger emphasis on running for office throughout the year at certamina and pushed through the local chapters. This would be in hopes of having no uncontested offices. Which would inherently increase the overall quality of candidates and make our organization more serious as a whole.

Historian

Earlier in the school year, I became secretary for ERHS JCL. I was really excited because we had so many new Latin 1's this year in comparison to last year! I believe one of my favorite experiences as an officer this year has been helping out the Latin 1's. We held an activity once before their first Certamen where every officer with a specialty (mythology, history, grammar, etc.) got to tutor separate groups of the Novice team. I was excited to help out, especially to share what knowledge I had and maybe learn more from them as well. Fun fact, my other favorite experience was when we held a birthday party for Virgil and I performed a song I wrote about him! I've helped organize and plan activities throughout the school year and treated my duties with enthusiasm, and I would treat being MDJCL Historian the same way.

- **Mary Chavez**, ERHS

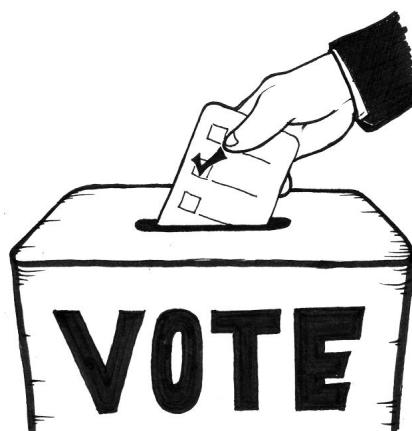
Salvete omnes! My name is **Grace Rish** and I am currently in Latin I at Saint John's Catholic Prep. This year I am running for the MDJCL office of historian. Since joining the MDJCL in the fall I have learned very much about classical civilizations and noticed that Latin is in no way a dead language, but very much alive. In fact, I am so passionate about the bright future in store for the MDJCL that I requested permission to run for office in my first year of the organization. The MDJCL has inspired me to become more involved with academic competition, for I have attended every Certamen this year! I believe that every school in Maryland should know about this amazing organization. In our creed we promise to hand on the torch of the classical civilizations, as historian I would make sure that we fulfill that promise! I would send out a monthly newsletter to all Maryland schools (with a Latin program) to let them know about all of the interesting Latin things that we are doing. This letter would encourage our fellow Maryland Latin discipuli to become involved in the MDJCL. Our amazing programs and enthusiasm for Latin should be well publicized! *Gratias vobis ago!* -Best Regards, **Grace Rish**

Editor

I am tremendously excited to be running for Editor this year for MDJCL. As editor, one of the main responsibilities you have is designing and creating the MDJCL Torch that we read at Certamen. As Editor, my desire would be to bring new energy and excitement to our new printed publications of The Torch by using a more dynamic and reader friendly newsletter format, as well as improving the overall print quality. It is very important to me that when I receive submissions, they are looked at in The Torch as the artist would want them and in the colors the artist has chosen. As an artist myself, I know how important this is to other artists. In addition to creating a more reader and artist friendly newsletter, I want the Torch to become a central article that students are able to read in and out of Certamen to find information about upcoming events, learn more about MDJCL, or maybe do a Latin crossword puzzle. Having the opportunity to run for Editor is an amazing experience, and, if elected, I would do everything in my power to make not only the members of MDJCL satisfied, but go beyond the minimum to achieve my goals for this upcoming year of MDJCL. - **Josiah Sanders**

Salvete! This year I have served as the co-consul of Eleanor Roosevelt's JCL, Certamen team co-captain, and Latin Honor Society Communications Coordinator, as well as the Editor of the MDJCL Torch. I have decided to run for re-election as Editor because I have enjoyed creating the newsletters and being one of the state officers. On a school level, I have taken on more responsibility, leading our JCL program and introducing our Freshman to the organization. Serving as Communications Coordinator this first year, taught me the importance of clear communication and planning ahead. I want to continue to improve communication between the state and school-wide officers, so I can get more of your work in the Torch.

Gratias vobis ago, **Amelia Komisar-Bury**



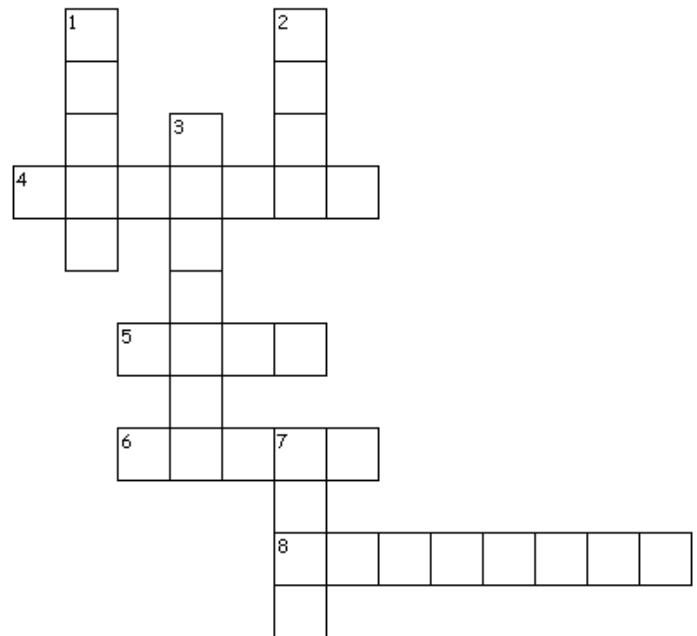
PUZZLES

Pyramus and Thisbe

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BLOOD
DAGGER
DEATH
ELOPE
LION
LOVE
MULBERRY
PYRAMUS
RED
SHAKESPEARE
SHAWL
SUICIDE
THISBE
TOMB
TRAGEDY
WALL

Birds



Across:

4. God whose sacred bird is the Eagle
5. Sacred bird of Apollo
6. Bird that marked a legion
8. The man that made wings for his son and himself

Down:

1. Reader of bird signs
2. Venus's sacred bird
3. Goddess whose sacred bird is the owl
7. Laid an egg after being seduced by Jupiter