



WELCOME:

Welcome to the first MDJCL Certamen of the 2018-19 year! It has been quite a while for many eager MDJclers to get back into the swing of Latin and our community of JCL. But have no fear, for we have quite a lot of Latin and fun planned for this upcoming year. For those of you who are attending your first MDJCL event, prepare yourself for the absolute epitome of celebrating The Classics, Latin, and overall roman culture. While at the same time, competing in many Certamen over the course of the year. We hope you are just as excited as we are!

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UPDATES:

With MDJCL now in full swing, we have appointed a new Vice



President! The new MDJCL Vice President for the 2018-2019 term is Gia Haemmerle. She has a great history with the MDJCL and all the officers are so happy to have her on the board this year! As the MDJCL Vice President she will be heading up our Spirit and Service aspects of the MDJCL.

UPCOMING KEY DATES:

December 8th: Saturnalia Certamen

- At Montgomery Blair High School

February 2nd: Certamen

- At The Gilman School

March 2nd: Scavenger Hunt

- At Walters Art Museum in Baltimore

April 6th - 7th: State Convention

- At Easton High School

WHAT IS CERTAMEN?

Certamen, directly translating as competition or contest, is a game of fast recall of facts about classical civilizations and its peoples, languages, and cultures. The matches are supposed to be fun, competitive, and informative. There are two types of Certamen contests at the NJCL Convention, Open Certamen and Competitive Certamen, MDJCL plays a more relaxed Competitive Certamen. Some students know that they are Latin nerds and revel in the camaraderie of other Latin nerds. Rather than hiding their knowledge, they compete with each other to show it off. Winning is always nice, but learning more, developing self-respect, and education is what all types of Certamen is about.

THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL CERTAMEN:

Although Certamen is a game and should be fun for the player, there are some general rules that should be followed at all times. These rules have been set up by the NJCL.

- All players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves throughout the entire Certamen process with courtesy, dignity, and respect for other teams and for the Certamen staff.
- Players are permitted to bring team mascots and good luck tokens as long as such items are not deemed by the Certamen staff to be distracting or inappropriate.
- During a round, coaches may encourage their teams in a general way after the scores are read (5, 10, 15, 19) - e.g. "Good job, guys! Keep it up!"
- Players may not converse with their teammates while the toss up question is being asked or answered, but are allowed and encouraged to converse while answering the bonus question.
- The designated team captain must say the answer for the bonus question unless that team captain diverts to another player.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUOTES

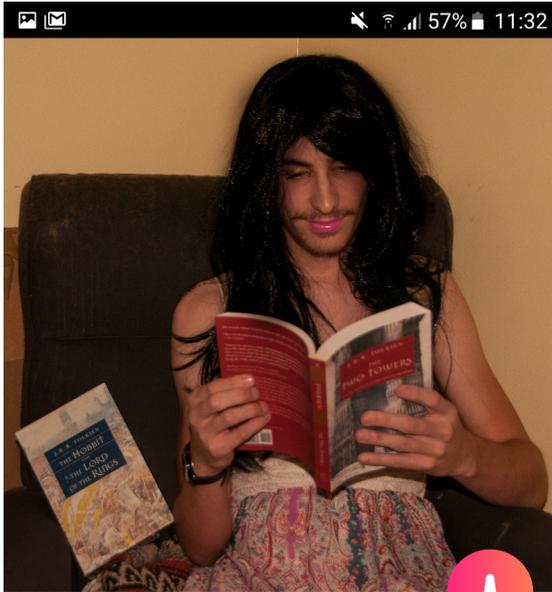
From State Editor, Josiah Sanders:

- Be aware that submissions for The Torch are now open. Those who have anything Latin related in any forms such as pictures, essays, articles, paintings, or even just simple ideas should submit! Email me to send in anything you or your local chapter have made!

From State Historian, Mary Chavez:

- "Please contact me by my email or talk to me in person! I would love to get submissions of art related to bees, and bees in general for the scrapbook! I will be making both digital and a physical scrapbook and I want as many of you involved as possible!"

SUBMISSION:



Calliope, 23

📧 Homer himself

📍 The book store

Looking for a strong belligerent spirit. I once dated Mars, so don't play with me. I like writing long and detailed stories over the course of 10+ books so you have to pay me more money to read them, playing the lyre, and dactylic hexameter.

Favorite Book: The Illiad



"Callipoe's Dating Profile"

By: Samuel Luldham and Amelia Kosmar-Bury

WHAT IS JCL?

The Junior Classical League is the largest academic student organization in the world. The JCL is a sub-organization of the American Classical League, or the ACL. The American Classical League oversees all things JCL related and why the JCL is so successful. JCL has chapters that make up the whole JCL, that's why we as Marylanders are considered a part of MDJCL. Every year small, medium, and large states all meet at one college to bask in the light of the classics and what it has brought to the modern world. That is when we get a taste of the NJCL or the National Junior Classical League, which Natasha is now President of. We as the people of MDJCL make up a small portion of the National JCL, but we make our voices known very well nationwide. Overall, every state in the JCL has just as much validity as another. But be proud of your MDJCL status, as it will be over before you know it.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

MDJCL has many Social Media Platforms! Updates, reminders, pictures and more can all be found at:



@MarylandJCL



@Maryland_JCL



@Maryland Junior Classical League



@MDJCL



MDJCL.org

FOR THE READER:

Here is the schedule for our day at ERHS:

Registration: 10:30 - 11:00

Ice-Breaker: 11:00 - 11:30

Instructions: 11:30 - 12:00

Certamen: 12:00 - 1:00

Lunch: 1:00 - 1:45

Costumes Contest: 1:45

Awards: 2:00

TO ALL READERS AND LATINERS:

This is a Google form from the State Editor, please fill this out at some point today.

This qr code can be scanned with your phone camera:



QUOTES:

"Perfer et obdura, dolor hic tibi proderit olim."

- ▶ "Be patient and tough; someday this pain will be useful to you." - Ovid

"Apes non sunt solitaria natura"

- ▶ "Bees are not solitary by nature" - Varro
- ▶ This is also our national theme and quote for the year chosen by Natasha!