



WELCOME:

Welcome to the first MDJCL event 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:

The MDJCL officers have been working diligently to have this year be one of the best yet! But you might have noticed some changes in our State officers! This is because your previous state president, Natasha Panduwawala, was elected National JCL President! She is the first National President from Maryland!



KEY DATES:

November 10th: Baltimore Boogie!

- Dance Marathon for John's Hopkins

November 17th: Costume Certamen

- At Eleanor Roosevelt High School

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 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.

THE LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD SPELLING BEE:

The Latin Spelling Bee is structured as follows:

You are asked: "Quomodo scribitur _____"
"How do you spell _____"

You respond: "_____ scribitur"
"_____ is spelled"

You will receive one of these two responses:

- ▶ *Recte dicis!* ✓
- ▶ *Prave dicis.* ✗

Common Confusion in Spelling:

- ▶ Latin uses U for both U and V
- ▶ The Latin V sounds like W
- ▶ Watch out for Greek Letter Combinations:
 - Th (pronounced T)
 - Ch (pronounced K)
 - Ph (pronounced F)
- ▶ Watch out for Diphthongs (vowel combinations)
 - Ae (pronounced EYE)
 - Au (pronounced OW)
 - Oe (Pronounced OY)



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUOTES

From State Editor, Josiah Sanders:

- Be aware that submissions are now open for the Torch and those who have anything Latin related in pictures, essays, articles, paintings, or even just simple ideas! Please 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 by talking in person! I would love to get submissions, art related to bees, and bees in general for the long theme of bees! I will be making both digital and a physical scrapbook and I want you involve