



Fall 2019 Torch

Welcome!

Welcome back to all of you returning MDJCLers and a friendly hello to all of the new faces! We have so many fun activities planned for this year and are so excited to grow and learn more about the language that we all enjoy! For those of you attending your first MDJCL event, welcome! The MDJCL is an organization that helps to foster a sense of community among those that share an enthusiasm for the classics. To all of you that are competing

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A Note From Our New Historian: Carolyn Tang!

Salvete omnes!

My name is Carolyn Tang, and I am honored to serve as your new historian for MDJCL! I am currently a member-at-large representing the Bullis School, entering my sophomore year there. I have been a member of MDJCL for three years, and this is my fifth year of learning Latin. I find the enthusiasm of my fellow JCLers to be so inspiring, and I am always amazed by their dedication to the classics. This year, I hope to immerse MDJCL at the national level by focusing on non-convention contests, such as the Photo of the Month. MDJCL would benefit directly from wide-reaching publicity in both getting more local students involved in Classics and achieving more recognition in the JCL and non-JCL worlds. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at carolyndtang@gmail.com.

The Rules and Goal of Certamen:

The word Certamen translates to competition or contest. Even though this activity is a chance for students of all levels to show off their Latin skills, we still want everyone to have a good time! In order to ensure that this is possible the NJCL has set up these rules:

- All players and coaches are expected to conduct themselves throughout the entire Certamen process with courtesy, dignity, and respect for other teams and the Certamen staff
- Participants are permitted to bring mascots and good luck tokens as long as such items are deemed by the Certamen staff to be distracting or inappropriate
- During a round, coaches may encourage their team 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 questions are being asked or answered, but are allowed and encouraged to converse when answering the bonus question
- The designated team captain must say the answer to the bonus question unless the team captain diverts to another player



Announcements from the Officers:

Salvete! The link for the discord group that the officers explained at the Certamen is 8xAV29g. Thank you everyone and we hope that you will join!

Member Submissions:

Your submission could be here at the next Certamen.....submit to the editor!!

Upcoming Key Dates:

November 23: Certamen (Severn School) **April 25-26:** State Convention (Easton)

January 11: Cena Latina (TBD)

February 1: Certamen (Gilman)

February 29: Spelling Bee and Exhibit (Loyola Blakefield)

A Note From the Editor:

The quest for the gladiator will begin at the next Certamen! See the practice puzzle insert for more information!

