



# Spelling Bee Torch

## Welcome!

Welcome back everyone! It is so nice to see everyone back together again! I hope that you all will have a wonderful day! This is our last event before state convention! Euge! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the officers! Good luck to all of you who are competing today and a warm welcome to all those who may be joining us for the first time!

## MDJCL Officers

**President: Mika**

**Kretzmann-Clough**

**Email: saromika@gmail.com**

**Vice President: Nathalie Trouba**

**Email: nathalietrouba@gmail.com**

**Parliamentarian: Michael Deras Gomez**

**Email: michaelderasgomez@gmail.com**

**Historian: Carolyn Tang**

**Email: carolyndtang@gmail.com**

**Editor: Grace Rish**

**Email: grsmiley43@gmail.com**

**Make sure you follow us on social media to stay updated on all things Latin!**



**@Maryland Junior Classical League**



**@MarylandJCL**



**@MDJCL**



**@ Maryland\_JCL**



## The Quest for the Gladiator!

The Quest will be back for state convention! Thank you all for participating!!



## The Rules of a Latin Spelling Bee!

The Spelling Bee is structured as follows:

You will be asked, "Quomodo scribitur \_\_\_\_\_"

"How do you spell?"

You **respond** "" \_\_\_\_\_ scribitur

" \_\_\_\_\_ is spelled

If you are correct then you will hear: "Recte dicis!"

If you are incorrect then you will hear: "Prave dicis!"

Common Confusions in Latin Spelling:

- Latin using U for both U and V
- Latin V sounds like W
- Watch out for Greek letter combinations (Th pronounced T, Ch pronounced K, and Ph pronounced F)
- Watch out for diphthongs (vowel combinations) (Ae pronounced EYE, Au pronounced OW, and Oe pronounced OE)



## Announcements from the Officers:

Hi Everyone! It's an exciting time of year because we get to vote for t-shirts! Please visit the MDJCL website at the QR code below!



## Member Submissions:

The Greeks wrote tales of a golden honeydew,  
and burgundy fruit bound to the land where souls pass through.  
how could I forget you,  
who's affections are painfully overdue ?  
Like Eros in Fables you leave no tangible trace ,  
of existence or passion, no name to face.  
in quiet spells I head to that old forgotten place,  
knowing the passion you lost will not soon be replaced.  
and as Hades you attempt to bound me to your own sunken dominion .  
but I am not Persephone, no rose to cute and be your minion.  
you will not deflower my own ambition ,  
so that your melancholy is comforted by my submission.  
so now I live within the urban mystic landing ,  
the city scapes sculpted and forever expanding .  
and I am running ,  
to my own Eden, where my rebirth is incoming .

-Michael Gomez (ERHS)

## Upcoming Key Dates:

**April 25-26:** State Convention (Easton)