

Maryland Junior Classical League

TORCH

UMD ODYSSEY CERTAMEN!





WELCOME BACK!

Salvete omnes! ❤️

Welcome to the very first MDJCL event of the year! We are so excited to see you!

The TORCH will be your go-to for event details, contests, spirit standings, and where you can submit and share creative works!

Looking forward to an amazing year!

26 - 27 OFFICERS!

Johanna Pitts - President

Vivien Wang - Vice President

Esme Ivory - Parliamentarian

Ivy Carver - Archivist

Morgan Kelly - Editor



schedule!



10:00 - 10:30 | Registration in Mary Mount Hall



10:30 - 11:00 | Introduction & Icebreaker



11:00 - 12:15 | Certamen in Francis Scott Key



12:15 - 12:45 | Lunch in Mary Mount Hall Atrium



1:00 - 1:30 | Lesson on The Odyssey by Prof. Levine in MMH 1400



1:45 - 2:15 | Activities in McKeldin Hall (Costume Contest, Archery Contest)



2:15 - 2:30 | Awards & Farewell in Mary Mount Hall 1400



2:30 - 2:45 | Optional Campus Tours of U.M.D. led by Classics students



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This year, the MDJCL sent a group of 13 students to Bloomington, Indiana for the the National Junior Classical League Convention.

They earned 1st place in Roll Call, 2nd place in Propless Spirit Day, and won third place in Spirit overall!

Additionally, two delegates performed at That's Entertainment, multiple delegates won awards in athletic and artistic competitions, and Bani Gourab from Bryn Mawr was elected National Historian!

Stay tuned for more information if you are interested in attending next year's convention at William & Mary in Virginia!



A SPOTLIGHT ON... SPIRIT!

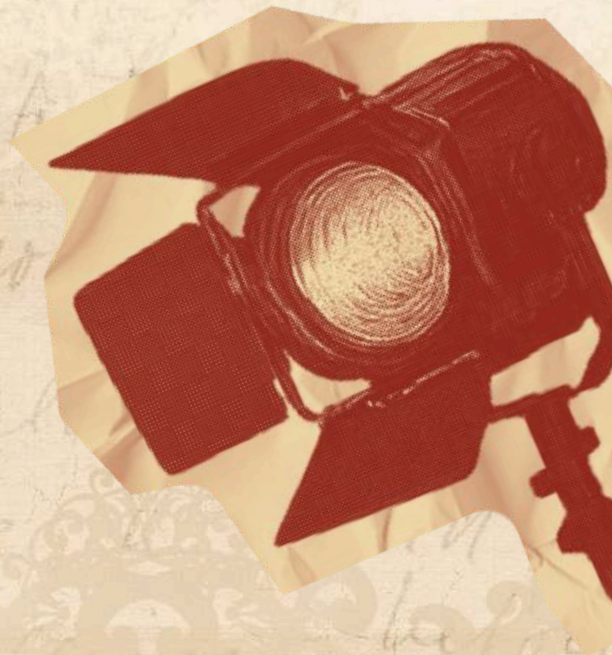
The MDJCL year always features a lively spirit competition, which rewards schools for their participation in events, service, and other activities!

Spirit standings will be tracked in the Torch, so check here for updates!

HEY! HEY!
WHAT'S OUR
NAME?

YOU CAN EARN SPIRIT POINTS BY...

- ***Participating in icebreakers and roll call at in-person JCL events***
- ***Submitting to the Torch***
- ***Competing in MDJCL Instagram contests***
- ***Participating in service projects***
- ***Attending virtual events***





CIRCE AND HER LIONESS

Submitted by : Richelle Kuleshov

School/Chapter : Easton High School

This piece was submitted for an art contest at the 2026 NJCL Convention, and won 7th place!



PIRAEUS ATHENA

Submitted by : Anna Callahan

School/Chapter : Easton High School



APOLLO

Submitted by : Zaiden Banks

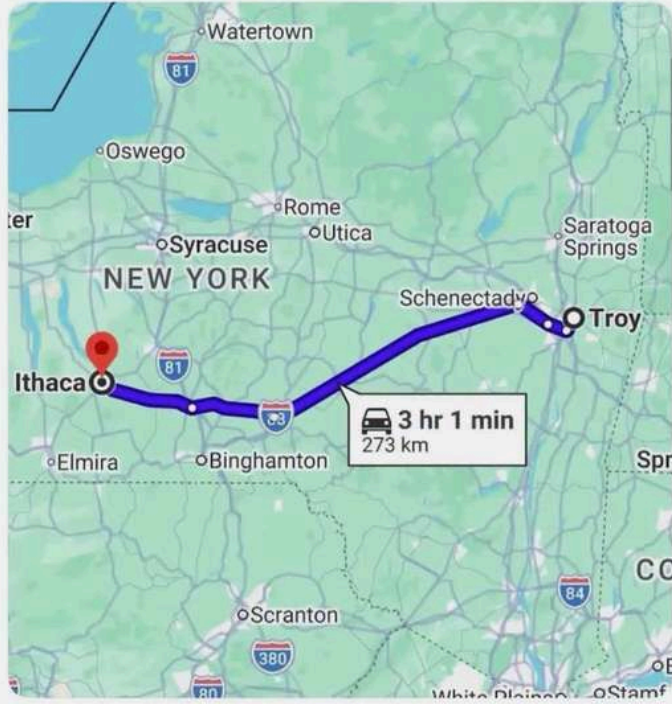
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ACTIVITY PAGE

Event Bingo!

the most confusing part of the odyssey is how this took 10 years



buzz in/answer a question during certamen!

go on a campus tour!

take some notes during professor levine's lesson on the odyssey!

watch the archery contest (and cheer on your school's competitor...)



free space!

find and read a physical copy of the torch: md!

befriend someone who isn't from your school/chapter!

take some silly photos with members of your chapter!

stop by and say "salve" to an mdjcl officer!

Odyssey Word Search!

C	O	M	Y	A	Y	M	H	V	S	T	K	G	Q	N
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Odysseus

Athena

Penelope

Telemachus

Circe

Calypso

Antinous

Poseidon

Scylla

Charybdis

Xenia

Storm

Cyclops

Sirens

Suitors

Horse



save the date!



november 21st

scavenger hunt @ walters art museum



december 12th

saturnalia certamen @ calvert school



january 30th

certamen @ gilman school



february 27th

open certamen @ mclean school in potomac



april 24th + 25th

state convention @ key school



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