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Clockwise from top left: 1. Freshmen celebrate Augustus's Birthday in class. 2. Garrett Louie (now a Northwestern Wildcat) gives a lecture at lunch on the Roman Kings 3. A group of Latin students on the quad at lunch after pulling the Trojan Horse

Augustus's Birthday

Article by: Gil Peled (Latin Alumnus)

September 23, 63 BC, Gaius Octavius Thurinus was born. Recently we celebrated the 2,081st birthday of the first Roman emperor, and it's important to take a look at the life and story of the man we just know as Augustus. Adopted by the famous general Julius Caesar, Octavian took the name Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus. Upon the death of Caesar in 44 BC, Octavian began a 13-year quest to avenge his adopted father; upon Mark Antony's suicide after the Battle of Actium in 31 BC, Augustus became de-facto emperor of the

Roman world. Despite keeping republican institutions alive, their power was significantly reduced under Augustus' reign. While Augustus didn't destroy the Senate or tribunes, he essentially nullified their authority and granted himself full control of the military (the enforcers of law). He was held in both prestige and fondness, as he brought peace to the Roman world. His notable achievements for the Roman people were the conquering of Egypt and other eastern provinces, as well as the establishment and

modernisation of laws and customs. Augustus through his long rein arguably brought the greatest amount of reform to the customs of the Roman people.

The “final words” of August were “Acta est fabula, plaudite” translated as “The play is over, applaud.” In 14 AD Augustus Caesar died, and Tiberius, the adopted son of Augustus, became emperor.

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Something, Something Caligula

Article by: Seamus McCarthy (Latin IV)

Of all the criticisms one can make about learning Roman history, the mundanity of its emperors is never levied as a valid point. Indeed, these amalgamations of individual quirks, immense power, and historical embellishment by ancient authors make for some of the most fascinating (and disturbing) reads in Roman history. The particular figure of today's focus, dubbed "little boots" as a child on account of his dressing up as a Roman soldier, is perhaps one of the most striking examples. Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, or simply Caligula, obtained the empire by cruel misfortune, and is perhaps the most flamboyant of any emperor throughout Rome's history. Whether it be appointing his horse Incitatus to the Senate, or constructing and riding upon a three-mile floating bridge dressed as Alexander the Great, the sheer incredulity of such a person being appointed emperor, here, on earth, at one time, is enough to catch the curiosity of anybody studying Latin. It is with this brief introduction to Caligula, then, that I urge you to take a dive into the wacky, wild world of the Roman Empire and its eccentric figures, of which there are many.

Club Day

Article by: Nejla Ackdoe-Pagey (Latin III)

Late September brought another year of FIDES pledges, candy, and Magis opportunities for Miramonte Latin Students. The weather was warm and the excitement was high as club officers set up booths on the quad for an extended lunchtime experience perusing the various clubs. Latin Club is the oldest club at Miramonte, and it's always exciting to see new Latin I's stop by the booth to say "Salve!" Athena, our Caesar for 2019-2020, and Xander, this year's Secundus Caesar, helped Latin Students take an oath to uphold the good name of Miramonte Latin Club in the community. Featured on display at the booth was a magnificent paper mache castle, a gladiator shield, and of course one of our convention trophies. We can't wait to see what this year of glory will bring to Latin Club.



Clockwise from top: 1. At Nationals, all the California delegates dressed up for the spirit competition! 2. Miramonte Latin Club members pose with some new friends before the final dance at Nationals. 3. Athena Davis and Kianna Hu pose before giving a speech to the attendees of Nationals. 4. Members of the California Delegation cheer excitedly during the spirit competition!

MIRAMONTE LATIN ATTENDS NJCL CONVENTION

Article by: Allison Petek (Latin III)

From July 26 to July 31, 12 Miramonte Latin students traveled with Magister Davis to the 66th annual National Junior Classical League (NJCL) Convention at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. Students furthered their study of the ancient world by participating in academic, artistic, and athletic competitions. They were also able to meet fellow Latin students from around the country.

"My favorite part of Nationals was seeing everybody I remember from my first Nationals who live in different states. Being able to see them again and talk with them really just reminded me of how wholly awesome the Junior Classical League is, and what a wonderful community it fosters," Grace Sjöberg (Latin III) said.

"My favorite memory from Nationals was visiting the Agora and seeing all of the different handicrafts and various items that people had

brought from around the country," Wyatt Barnes (Latin II) said.

"I loved being at Nationals because it really showed me how the Junior Classical League could impact people in the best possible way and it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and try new things. It made me feel like I was a part of a wonderful community with fantastic people and I can't wait to go back next year," Ruby McCabe (Latin II) said.

Miramonte Latin Club's own Caesar, Athena Davis (Latin IV) triumphed in her bid to become Second Vice President of NJCL. "When I heard I was going to be Second Vice President of the NJCL I was in shock. Elections are always so nerve wracking and you never know what the outcome is going to be. After the shock wore off however, I was just so excited," Davis said.

Magis and How to Earn it:

Article by: Sophia Govea (Latin II)

Q: What advice do you have for students about how to earn magis?

“My first piece of advice would be to start early. Second semester is easier because you can get pretty much all of your magis when we go to convention.”

- Magistra Mullooney

Q: What are some ways that students can earn magis?

“I like to recommend reading as a way to earn magis because I like to discuss the stories with students. People always come up with things, I’ve had students ask if they can make a class quizlet to use throughout the year for magis.”

- Magistra Mullooney





Last year's Miramonte Latin Club turnout at Ludi in November, featuring Latin Club alumnis smiling for a picture in the first two rows.

LUDI 2018

Article by: Allison Petek (Latin III)

Calling all Latin Students! Ludi , the annual Northern California Latin Convention, will be hosted Oct. 26, 2019 by our gracious friends at The Menlo School. Attending Ludi is a great way to enrich your studies of the classical world, earn Magis points, and win GLORY for Miramonte.

At Ludi you will experience endless fun throughout the day as you bond with your fellow JCLers and chant the iconic "Exegi" poem. Attending the various interesting and educational workshops offered at Ludi is the perfect way to expand your Latin knowledge. "I love attending the workshops because I get the chance to learn about a topic from the ancient world from an expert," Cara Holden Latin (III) said.

Win bragging rights and glory after you triumph on an academic test about reading comprehension, mythology, vocab, Roman daily life and more.

Athletic and artistic talents can also be showcased at this unforgettable event. With the competitive ultimate frisbee and basketball tournaments, and fun "Recess Activities" such as kickball and jump rope you'll never be bored. Display your artistic side by making some "sweet" jelly bean mosaics and lay down some sick burns during the Roman Rap Battle.

But wait- there's more! With Roman Speed Dating you have the chance to meet that special someone.

HOW TO GET MAGIS

"I wanted to take Latin because I heard it had one of the best programs at Miramonte. I'm excited to go to the Latin conventions this year!" -Nikki Lynch (Latin I)

"I am excited for the various events that Latin participates in because they looked like they were a great experience for all involved last year. The community is really close, so I'm excited to be a part of it!" - Megan Kennedy (Latin I)

"I took Latin because I heard it was an interesting class and it was pretty active. I am excited for Latin club activities." - Andrew Penney (Latin I)

****MAGIS OPPORTUNITY****

TRIVIA

Brought to you by the MHS Certamen Teams!

On a separate sheet of paper, write down:

1. Your name
2. Latin level
3. Answers to these three questions
(even if you don't know the answer, it's no penalty for trying!)

Turn your answers in to Magister or Magistra by
NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9th
for the chance to get extra Magis points... Bonam Fortunam!

QUESTION #1 - BEGINNER

What Greek goddess was often called “Cytherea” or “Cypris” after the two islands where she was believed to have first washed ashore (after being born from sea foam)?

QUESTION #2 - INTERMEDIATE

The reign of which king saw the occupation of the Aventine Hill by the Latins, the establishment of the priesthood of the Fetiales, and the erection of Rome's first prison, the Mamertine Prison?

QUESTION #3 - ADVANCED

The name of which American state is also the 2nd person singular present active subjunctive of a Latin verb meaning “to weave?”

Do you want to have one of your pictures, articles,
or quotes featured in the next Consul edition?

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