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Clockwise from top left: 1. At Nationals, all the California delegates dressed up for Cincinnatus and had a Farm spirit day! 2. The winning scrapbook (theme: Phaethon's journey) 3. Athena, Amrita, and Brendan with our first place Activities trophy!

MIRAMONTE LATIN ATTENDS NJCL CONVENTION

Article by: Kiana Hu (Latin IV)

NJCL Convention 2018 at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio (confusing, right?) was a blast! From the party bus (ordered by Davis presumably because if it broke down again, at least we'd have fun) to Pickle Rick, the 40 or so California delegates had an optimus week. Although Miramonte (with 9 delegates) was one of the last to arrive and missed fellowship, we made it just in time for some late-night pizza (unfortunately, there were no plates). The next morning featured an early wake up for our certaminators, who participated

in an hour-long practice and team play-offs lead by the certamen coordinator, our very own Magister Davis.

The rest of the week was a testing/arts/music/sports/speeches/election filled galore! For those of you that have been to State Convention, it's just bigger and better. Not only did we Matadors become close friends with other California delegates, but many met people from across the country participating in various colloquia (workshops), playing sports (including basketball and

swimming), attending the nightly dances, and much more! The 5 days could not have gone by faster and soon it was time to say farewell to the beautiful brick buildings and intrusive sprinklers.

If you want to know more about Nationals, just talk to any of the nine attendees: Theo (graduated), Brendan, Keon, myself, Amrita, Athena, Grace, Neena, and Nomi. Be sure to check out the display in the library!

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Last year's MHS Latin Club turnout at Ludi, featuring Magister Davis and Magistra Mullowney in the front left with other students.

LUDI 2018

Article by: Athena Davis (Latin III)

Quid est bonus? Ludi est boni! On November 10th, hundreds of students from all across Northern California will be attending Ludi. This year St. Ignatius in San Francisco is our gracious host! Ludi is jam packed with athletic, academic, and artistic events.

Do you want to learn something new? Workshops are an educational and fun way to expand your understanding of the classical world. Do you want to prove your academic prowess against fellow JCLers? Academic Testing is an exciting way to put your Latin knowledge to the test. Some of the academic tests offered at Ludi include: reading comprehension, grammar, Roman daily life, MQA, mythology, vocab, and more! Do you want to “flex” on the competition? Ultimate frisbee and basketball are the two competitive sporting events offered this year. There is also a plethora of recreational sporting events including: “Recess Activities” (kickball, jump rope, hula hoop), Water Balloon Toss, “Giant Games” (Connect Four, Checkers, Chess), and “Pin the Tail on Cerberus”.

Do you want to make some “sweet” art? Create a Jelly Bean Mosaic, another popular event from Ludi last year. We can't forget about the musical arts! Will the real “Gracilis Umbrosus” (Slim Shady) please stand up? The Roman Rap battle is back! Come drop your best bars and spit rambunctious rhymes for the lunchtime crowd. Get ready for a fun day filled with gloria et amicitia!

HOW TO GET MAGIS

Struggling to find ways to get 200 Magis points this semester?

Here are some ideas to help you get there (and have some fun along the way!):

Go to Ludi: Enjoy bonding with fellow Latin clubbers while gaining Latin experience outside of Miramonte.

Log community service hours:
This is perfect if you are involved in a community service club! You can get 15 points per hour (5 hours maximum a semester).

Participate in Latin Club events:
Come to meetings or events every Wednesday and join the remind to learn about new opportunities.

Make some art: Have Magister or Magistra commission you to create classical art for their classroom

Get 180 points by December 7th:
Finish your Magis early and get 20 bonus points!

AUGUSTUS' BIRTHDAY

Article by: Gil Peled (Latin IV)

On 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 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 modernization of laws and customs. Augustus, through his long reign, arguably brought the greatest amount of reforms to the customs of the Roman people.

The "final words" of Augustus 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.



Dressed in costume, students participate in a play to reenact Augustus' rise to power. Miramonte Latin students enjoy celebrating Augustus' birthday!

HE DIED OLD

Article by: Garrett Louie (Latin IV)

Everyone has heard of Hannibal, the great Carthaginian general who, after annihilating legion after legion with his army bourn across the alps by 37 elephants (not really), terrorized Italy for over fifteen years as the greatest domestic threat since the Gauls of 170 years prior before finally being recalled to defend his own homeland once the Romans found more success in their more foreign fronts. But what about the second Hannibal? The giant who, in history's first act of organized terrorism, known as the Asiatic Vespers (after the Sicilian counterpart thirteen centuries later), orchestrated the slaughter of 80 - 100,000 Romans throughout Anatolia on a single, fateful day in 88 BCE. Not the women, nor the children, nor even those who sought refuge in the undefilable Temple of Artemis at Ephesus (and certainly not the moneylenders), were spared this fatal loathing of the Romans' fiduciary atrocities. In response, the Romans began the series of wars defining oriental politics for a century until this man's son, Pharnaces II, at last usurped the throne in 66 BCE to plead friendship to Rome, in the act strangling a master plan to invade Italy from the Carpathian mountains, only to soon retake the mantle of aggressor himself and be defeated by Caesar at Zela in 47 BCE, thus precipitating the legendary, "Veni, vidi, vici."

But oft ignored beneath the terrors inspired in war is the man behind it all - Mithridates VI himself. Given the epithet of *Ευπатор*, good father, and later the Persian title of Shahanshah, King of kings (in addition to, of course, "the Great"), this goliath in mind, body, and dreams alike, born beneath dual comets (supported by Chinese astronomical sources) and struck by lightning in his crib, was, besides thitherto the greatest terrorist, the first experimental toxicologist, a polyglot of allegedly over twenty languages as emperor of a Black Sea empire rivaling contemporary Rome's in influence and surpassing it in wealth, and an impossible historical archetype of the surely-unreal mythic hero.

Have I piqued your interest? Stay tuned for the next consul edition to learn more of the good father's exploits, dreams and character!

N.B. - For those who can't wait, my bible is a book aptly titled *The Poison King*, by Adrienne Mayor. Bonum legendum!



CLUB DAY

Article by: Nejla Ackdoe-Pagey (Latin II)

Club Day marked the beginning of another year of honor and glory for the Miramonte Latin Club, which is the largest and oldest club at Miramonte High School. Students from all grades stopped by the booth, making a vow to uphold fides, pietas, humanitas, et virtus of the MHS Latin Club for the 2018-2019 school year (and received magis as a bonus for the oath taken). Latin wasn't the only mentionable club that appeared, however. Groups such as the Acabellas and Model UN featured numerous Latin students. Other clubs, such as the Orinda Juniores, have Latin students in their leadership. "This year, I'm excited to be a treasurer for Orinda Juniores," says Cara Holden, who is also one of Latin Club's Consul editors. Dedicated Miramonte students who create clubs schedule and attend meetings, organize events, and participate in activities both on and off-campus throughout the year. Members of the MHS Latin Club will be able to attend potlucks, work alongside our officers, and partake in the Junior Classical League (JCL) conventions at both the state and national levels. Gratias vobis ago in advance for another fantastic, Latin-filled year!



Clockwise from top left: 1. Latin Club officers and students smile next to the Latin Club booth. 2. Pictures of past Latin students were displayed at the booth. 3. Anna Hillen smiles as she takes the Latin Club oath. During Club Day, Latin Club members took the oath to uphold the principles of the Latin room (and were rewarded with candy and Magis).

MEET THE OFFICERS

Your 2018-2019 Latin Club officers and what they are excited for this year!



Gil Peled, Caesar, Latin IV
I'm excited to carry on the new traditions of Latin club (olive oil, and puppet show) as well as hosting State Convention.



Neena Grewal, Historian, Latin II
State Convention! It was so much fun last year and I can't wait to help out with it this year!



Athena Davis, Secundus Caesar, Latin III
Hosting State Convention!



Nomi Solwren, Historian, Latin II
Definitely meeting all the new members of the Latin fam and all the fun activities planned :)



Grace Sjöberg, Tertius Caesar, Latin II
Building a stronger Latin community. I want Latin Club to be a home for both those who love the ancient world, and for those who aren't quite so sure yet. Ite Mats!!



Olivia Eukel, Historian, Latin II
Hosting Convention!



Kiana Hu, Convention President, Latin IV
Hosting Convention, obviously! :D



Scarlett Mosher, Historian, Latin II
To be a part of all the hard work that goes into making MHS Latin great, especially working with my fellow historians and creating the scrapbook!



Brendan McFeely, Convention President, Latin IV
Hosting Convention!!



Olive Sofield, Treasurer, Latin II
I'm excited to host State Convention this year. It's going to be so much fun!



Isabelle Krochmal, Secretary, Latin III
I am most excited to meet new people who share an interest in exploring the classics! Latin Club is such an amazing community and I'm so thrilled to be a part of it again this year.



Michelle Tang, Ille Honda, Latin IV
I most excited about building strong connections within the Latin community and making this year fun and victorious for the Latin Club.

MEET THE OFFICERS

(Continued)



**Garrett Louie, Dux
Certaminis, Latin IV**
Christmas caroling, as always.



**Jenn Giron, Spirit Leader,
Latin IV**



**Edrick Wang, Dux
Optimissimi, Latin II**
I am ready to be part of this awesome club for a second year, and I look forward to having fun in the next State Convention at our school!



**Lola Rodrigues, Spirit
Leader, Latin IV**
Prepping for Latin Convention!



**Owen Pan, Webmaster,
Latin III**
Making a great Latin website and helping out with Latin Convention!



**Meera Puranik, Spirit
Leader, Latin IV**
This year I am so excited for Convention. Because it is at Miramonte, it is going to be the best year yet!



**Reese Whipple, Master of
Communications, Latin II**
Meeting all the new members! I'm also very excited to see how the Instagram account expands and flourishes under my control.



**Cara Holden, Consul
Editor, Latin II**
I'm excited to continue the excellence of the Consul as well as participating in fun Latin Club activities this year!



**Nejla Ackdoe-Pagey,
Consul Editor, Latin II**
I'm excited to bond with new and old Latin clubbers and host State Convention!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN LATIN CLUB?

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