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Salvete amici!

This next week we have a lot going on! Wednesday, is our weekly club meeting, where we'll be discussing our plans for the next month. Friday is the big day, meaning club day! Even though most members have already signed up for the club, this is a great opportunity to show off Latin Club's amazingness. If you have one, wear your Latin Club t-shirt on club day, and you can see how many other people are involved in the club.

On Sunday October 4th from 10am to 2pm, we have an awesome community service opportunity. Annabelle Hall, a retired French teacher whose children took Latin at Miramonte, has organized a dog show in Orinda to raise awareness for the most recent vaccine for Crohn's Disease. Crohn's disease is an autoimmune disease that targets the digestive system. Ms. Hall reached out to Latin Club to find volunteers to help out with the event. We'd like to get as many people there as possible, so if you are available, please let Magister Davis or Magister Carpenter know. This is not only a great opportunity to help out in the community, it also counts as publicity points for the State and National Conventions. We've been pretty good at publicity in the past (we got first place at National Convention last year), so let's keep it up this year! To earn publicity points, we have to wear our Latin Club t-shirts to the event. If you do not have one, and you are planning on attending the event, feel free to borrow an extra one from Magister Davis. Lastly, you can also sign up for the event if you have a dog. It's \$25 if you register at the park, and \$20 if you sign up online (you can just look up "Orinda fun dog show").

Don't forget about ongoing Latin events this year either, Certamen practice is Tuesdays at lunch in Davis's room. (Latin J's: Certamen is basically Latin grammar/history/mythology jeopardy. Complete with buzzers, state championships, and intense concentration faces.) Anyone who wants to play can come, and we do

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need people to join the Latin I team, so bring your friends and come see what being a Certamenator is all about.

Last week we had a great root beer float party, so thanks to everyone for coming, and thanks to all the parent volunteers who took the time to help out!

Gratias tibi agimus! And congratulations to those who won iTunes and Chipotle gift cards from playing People Bingo. Hopefully you met some cool new people.

You can see pictures from the party on Magister Davis's Twitter, @MagisterDavis1.

To get more info about any upcoming events, come to the meeting on this Wednesday or the next Wednesday. Thanks for reading!

Ellie Reed and Sophie Hammond
Caesar and Secundus Caesar

Ludi: The Great Question

By Sophie Hammond

To Ludi or not to Ludi? There is no question. Ludi is the best event the California Junior Classical League offers students—besides State Convention, of course. And this year it should be even better. Instead of going to a high

school, we're going...to STANFORD! And there are more events than ever!

Here's some of what Ludi offers:

Monster Bingo:

This will also run all afternoon, and winners will receive prizes for each round. Be sure to brush up on your monster myths!

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Academic Tests:

There are 50 questions for all tests except Reading Comprehension which has 30. There is only one test for all levels, but students are graded on their individual levels. The only exceptions are Grammar and Reading Comprehension which have 3 separate tests each. The levels are determined by the class students are currently taking NOT by the last class completed like at Nationals. Students **MUST** take one test, but may take up to three.

Community Service:

We are decorating pumpkins and cookies for Halloween for the Lytton Gardens Senior Community in Palo Alto. Menlo will deliver these items right after Ludi. Both these activities are drop-ins all day except during the two workshops.

Costumes for Halloween:

We hope you will come dressed for Halloween, especially if you decide to become a mythological character for the day. (Think of the pictures for your scrapbook!). We will have a costume contest right after the Project Runway at lunch, and you will

walk away with fabulous prizes for the scariest, the most original, the funniest, the best Roman/Greek character, and the best group.

Remember to dress appropriately since there will be 11 year-olds there to compete as well. Please, please don't terrorize them.

Greeting Cards:

This workshop will allow you time to create a greeting card to enter at the state competition in March. We will provide the materials and the Latin phrases. You will provide the creativity. There will be prizes for first, second, and third in both the middle school and high school divisions.

Harry Potter Trivia:

This will run all afternoon, but new players have precedence at the beginnings of each round. First place prizes will be awarded every round. There will be 15 questions with one bonus per round. Time to re-read this series!

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Monster Murder Mystery:

Based on "Terror in a Toga", this original murder mystery has been created for you by the Menlo JCL under the guidance of Menlo's newest Latin teacher, Jude Morris, and student Jeff Frenkel-Popell (who attended Terror in a Toga at Nationals). Participants will be sent an email a week ahead of time with their secret identities and then will receive more information as they arrive at the murder scene at Stanford on October 31. Look for the Murder Mystery table near Registration to reconfirm. There will still be time to participate in at least one of the other afternoon activities because this event does not begin until 1:30. You cannot play Open Certamen if you want to do this activity.

Open Certamen:

This is an oral academic competition with a buzzer system. At State Convention we will be playing on school teams, but at Ludi students are mixed. This gives everyone a chance to practice and also to meet new people. Due to time constraints, there will be

Just three predetermined rounds of 20 questions (1 toss-up and one related bonus). The plan is for students to register on their electronic devices beginning at 8:00 am on the Certamen Registration link on cajcl.org or jcl.menloschool.org/Ludi. Those without electronics will be able to register on computers available next to the registration table.

Project Runway:

Using only the material provided, one team from each school will work together to create the designated character. Judging will be done at the end of the competition, but the characters will be asked to present themselves to everyone at lunch on the quad. Lunch will be provided for this activity at noon.

Scavenger Hunt:

This runs all day except during the two workshops. Groups of 3 or more check in at the table to get the list (and a dictionary) and start the timer. Then they take pictures of their group

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at each site before returning to the table to stop the timer. Judges will check cell-phones/iPads for the pictures. The winners will be those who finish the fastest.

Sports:

Because we are at Stanford, we are limited with our sports. We plan to have two volleyball courts and two frisbee sites so that we can run Middle School and High School simultaneously. These are pick-up games. Anyone can play on any team, though at least 1 female must be on the team at all times.

Workshops:

Both these half-hour presentations by Stanford faculty are required for everyone except for those doing Project Runway during the second workshop. The workshops are the same offerings for both the first and second sessions.

Archeology

By Catherine de Luna

This summer I got the chance to be constantly covered in dirt. Before you make any assumptions, let me explain. I spent three weeks on the very sunny island of Mallorca, digging up a Roman town called Pollentia. (continued on page 6)





My days were made up of four verbs: axe, shovel, brush, repeat. Yet hidden in these verbs were instances of incredibly unique discovery: pottery, animal bones, distinct layers, and Roman coins. These discoveries is what is so fantastic about archaeology; every movement leads to a new discovery. A small swipe of dust can reveal a piece of pottery, a shovel can present a plethora of animal bones, even an accidental step can uncover a Roman grave (this is great for someone as clumsy as myself). Each object found tells a different story based on what it looks like, where it is found and what it is found with. If a Roman coin that was thought to bear Julius Caesar's image instead depicts Tiberius Gracchus, the entire story of the both the coin and the site changes. It is these surprises that make archeology incredibly complex and made my time at Pollentia something I will never forget.

Q&A with Jessica

By Jessica Guo

Q: Who's the coolest Roman god?

A: Pluto, it's probably freezing down there in the Underworld.

Q: How do you decline amo?

A: It's first declension, so amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatis, amant.

Q: What Roman monster can I be for Halloween?

A: You've got tons of choices. There are creatures like centaurs, pegasus, cyclops, and the chimera.

Q: Did the Romans have their own version of Halloween?

A: They celebrated the festival of Feralia near the same time as Halloween during which they honored the passing of the dead.

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Q: How do you wear a toga?

A: You stand there and let your slaves wrap it around your body.

Q: How would the Romans have reacted to lunar eclipses?

A: Some knew what was going on scientifically, but most would freak out and see it as a bad omen.

Any burning questions related to Latin you need answered? Submit them to miramonte.consul@gmail.com and they will be answered in the next edition of the Consul.

Roast Tuna Latin Recipe

Ius in cordula assa: piper, ligustcum, mentam, cepam, aceti modicum et oleum.

Sauce for roast tuna: pepper, lovage, mint, onion, a little vinegar, and oil. (Apicius, 435)

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons strong vinegar
- 2 tablespoons *garum*, or vinegar with anchovy paste
- 9 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 finely chopped shallots
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon lovage or fennel seeds
- 25g fresh mint

1. Put all of the vinaigrette ingredients into a jar and shake well to blend them together.
2. Brush your tuna fillets with oil, pepper and salt, then grill them on one side over a hot barbecue. Turn them and brush the roasted side with the vinaigrette. Repeat.
3. The tuna flesh should be pink inside so don't let it overcook. Serve with the remains of the vinaigrette.

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