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# NOTA

## EDITOR

Salvete MassJCL,

In this issue of the *Forum Factorum*, you will find a multitude of articles written by our own JCLers! Clubs across Massachusetts are staying active with activities. This issue also includes numerous articles on events occurring throughout the state from Certamen to Kickoff.

There is also a very special article about a new Latin program being offered through UMass Boston. I hope you enjoy, MassJCL!

In other news, we are approaching States at what feels like an incredible rate! Remember to get involved by participating in pre-convention competitions. I encourage you all to run for office, too (especially Editor)! I, for one, am excited to see you all again. I cannot wait to unearth new and exhilarating stories. Are you?

Curate, ut valeatis,

*Jacob Hane*

Jacob Hane  
MassJCL Publications Editor

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## PARLI.

Salvete MassJCL,

Are you looking for ways to get more involved? Consider running for State Office! The MassJCL Board is a group of nine officers who coordinate our wonderful MassJCL events. For more information, contact me at [parliamentarian@massjcl.org](mailto:parliamentarian@massjcl.org). Running for office is a really empowering experience that allows you to meet many other MassJCLers.

Each office is unique. If you're really interested in graphic design, consider running for Technical Coordinator, Publications Editor, or Historian. If you like organization and taking notes, consider Parliamentarian, Treasurer, or Secretary. And if you're really passionate about the classics or the spirit of JCL, try running for either 1st or 2nd Vice President.

I hope to receive your candidacy form, and if you need any help, don't hesitate to reach out to me!

E corde,

*Carina Layfield*

Carina Layfield  
MassJCL Parliamentarian

## BENE

## Club Updates



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Photo by Chloe Phely-Bobin



AMSA JCL has had a pretty productive year so far. On a national level, our historian, Chloe Phely-Bobin, won December Photo of the Month, and we received October Club of the Month for our spirit and service projects! Recently, we had a much anticipated Saturnalia Party that unfortunately did NOT have pizza (our school forgot to order some), but it did have chocolate dormice. Currently, we are preparing for our Ancient Rome booth at our school's International Festival and making blankets for Project Linus. We can't wait to see y'all at State Convention!

-Rachel Wang, AMSA '19

Photo by BLS JCL



The BLS JCL has been up to quite a few things during these past few months of school, from writing letters to soldiers and parading down the streets of Roslindale, to dressing up as monsters from Greco-Roman mythology and making beautiful mosaics! We kicked off the year with a slew of service events, including taking pledge calls for NPR and volunteering at various events downtown. Later in October, BLS JCL participated in the Roslindale parade, and we staged the Armilustrum. We began our annual Yankee Candle fundraiser, and participants enjoyed fun activities. Service events continued throughout the fall and into the winter as students oversaw various political campaigns throughout the Boston area. Some BLS JCL individuals also helped with the running of the We Are Boston Gala. More recently, BLS JCLers ushered guests at a breakfast in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and directed activities for young children in the Disability Awareness Spotlight Day.

The busy schedule will only grow throughout the rest of this school year with EVEN MORE community service activities and in school events, including our annual Lupercalia event. Students can partake in several different games after school. There is much to look back on and plenty to do in the remainder of this school year for BLS JCL.

-Nick Weiske, BLS '19

Photo by Jesse Hogan



The Duxbury High School chapter of JCL is thriving. Our membership spans from grades 7-11, encompassing all levels of Latin from beginning to Advanced Placement. Our sponsors are Mr. Cowett and Mr. George. Our bi-weekly meetings are split into two sections: one meeting is dedicated to team logistics and upcoming event preparation, and the other is entirely dedicated to Certamen practice generated by Mr. Cowett. As we prepare to enter convention season here on the South Shore, our chapter is launching a study guide project to help our members to utilize student-generated study materials. These study guides are 1-2 pages of comprehensive information ranging from Roman funerals, to the Aeneid, to Latin mottos. This project enables students to delve into a topic of their interest and share their knowledge with the team, fostering a more deeply educated chapter.

Our chapter has also taken the National Classical Etymology Exam, an exam encompassing Latin and Greek derivatives and word structure. Some of our older members are leading the founding of the National Latin Honor Society at DHS. The DHS chapter of JCL looks forward to competing in conventions and expanding their Latin knowledge as the year progresses!

-Melissa Linsdell, Duxbury '18

## || Updates

Photo by East Boston JCL



### East Boston

We in the East Boston High School Latin Club started the beginning of this year with our annual candy fundraiser. We raised about \$300 as a whole club. Not only did we raise money for our organization, but we started a school-wide fundraiser competition to help buy food and other relief supplies for Puerto Rico. Every class had to compete to raise the most money. Whichever class raised the most got the chance to have an ice cream party financed by the Latin Club. In total, we raised \$700. In the last week of October, we participated in our school's pumpkin contest. Our pumpkin of Saturn eating his children won 3rd place.

This year was EBHS Latin Club's first year attending Classics Day. We had an amazing time performing a skit that we all worked hard on called "Keeping Up With The Romani." Later on that month, we came together as a group to celebrate our adventure to BU. To do so, we decided to make chocolate dormice, which was a great experience for all of us. Now that State Convention is coming up pretty soon, we are thinking of different strategies in order to fundraise money for our travel expenses. We have so many great ideas, for instance selling flowers on Valentine's Day. East Boston High School Latin Club hopes to see you all there this year!

-Alejandra Bonila, East Boston '19

Photo by Colette Stapp



### Mount Greylock

The Mount Greylock JCL has been busy! We have had service meetings every other week during our study period, and we have held a service party once a month. We have been making cranes for cancer patients and writing letters to soldiers and the elderly. It is a great opportunity to bring our whole chapter together for a good cause and also a good time. Our board has been hard at work planning Lupercalia. We want to have an afterschool event to bring in old and new members alike for an afternoon of fun, games, and service. We also welcomed a new Latin teacher into our ranks this year as well. We are so excited to welcome Mr. Johnson into the JCL family, and we are so happy to bring him into the club.

We sent a large group to classics day and performed our skit. Everyone had a great time, and it was so nice to see the first timers and the seasoned JCLers having fun and enjoying themselves. Students learned all about different aspects of Classical theatre. We also learned very much about the bees of Ancient Rome!

Our own Colette Stapp designed a beautiful t-shirt design which has been chosen to represent MassJCL at both State and National Convention. It is our second year in a row winning this competition, and we are so grateful for her and her incredible artistic abilities.

-Morgan Nottke, Mount Greylock '19

Photo by Rising Tide JCL



## Rising Tide

The Rising Tide chapter of the Junior Classical League has had a wonderful start to the 2017-2018 year! Along with taking part in MassJCL events, we've also had a couple of our own events at our school in Plymouth. In October, the JCL put together our 2nd Trivia Night (the first year ever opened to both the middle and high school) for not only the fun and competition, but also to raise money for UNICEF. The night turned out very successful as students came from all grades to take part in the trivia games and to test their knowledge on the Classics. Our JCL chapter hopes that the Trivia Night continues to be a successful, yearly event.

The next event that we organized this year was our annual Saturnalia bake sale in December. The sale lasted three days and was open to all grades. We had so many JCLers put in hard work to prepare an array of baked goods and to run the table during lunch time. In all, we raised over \$400 to donate to Paws of New England. Like the Trivia Night, the bake sale turned out to be an overwhelming success! Our JCL chapter has accomplished so much in just the first semester of this school year, and we hope to keep up this great momentum with the upcoming Certamen competitions and JCL Convention.

Gratias vobis et valete!

-Ina Dombrowski, Rising Tide '19

Photo by Winchester JCL



## Winchester

Latin Club students have been busy this year. On the night of the Winter Solstice, Ms. DeCamp's teaching assistant, Mr. Masi, led a tour focused on the evening sky through the grounds of our school. With his ultra-powerful laser, he pointed to the various stars and constellations right over our neighborhood. Then, we reviewed the mythological characters who serve as the namesakes for those stellar lights.

On Christmas Eve, a few students and Ms. DeCamp volunteered to wrap gifts for five hours at Henry Bear's Park in Brookline. We raised money to buy books for Reach Out and Read and put towards our travel expenses for States. At the beginning of 2018, we inscribed new WHS calendars with Latin greetings, and we gave one to every teacher and staff member in our school. In addition to our weekly meetings, we are working with elementary school students at a nearby parochial school by making latin-inscribed snowflakes. We are also helping middle school students in our town by designing a giant mythological board game with them.

-Vicky Chen, Winchester '18

\*Photos in the Club Updates page title are by Jesse Hogan, East Boston JCL, Colette Stapp, Rising Tide JCL, and Winchester JCL.

# KICKOFF:

## Derek and Joe's Excellent Adventure

*For the first time in years, Barnstable JCL attended Kickoff, hosted by Mount Greylock in the farthest western reaches of MassJCL.*

Waking up at 5:30 A.M. is a great way to start an excellent adventure, and like Bill and Ted in the hit 1989 movie (directed by Stephen Herek) *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*, Joe Lennon-Phillips and I had one bogus journey. To be honest, I would wake up earlier than 5 A.M. every Saturday if it meant hanging out with all the great students and teachers who are apart of the MassJCL for a full day of activities and competitions.

The drive out took about 4 hours, but in my opinion it was totally worth it. The two of us arrived at Kickoff around 9:30 just when the other Barnstable JCLers were arriving. We walked in together into the chaos of registration, as each chapter crowded around a few tables to register for Kickoff. Students from across the state were chomping at the bit to sign in their chapter. After sitting through a general assembly full of improv and comedy-sketches, we got to paint pumpkins like famous Roman socio-path Emperors and explore the area of the

school. After some of the other Barnstable High students did workshops, including a step workshop, a Greek theatre workshop, a publications workshop, and a scrapbooking workshop, we all gathered outside for a confusing, yet intriguing, 4-way game of capture the flag. To me and my teammates, this game reminded us of trench warfare, as its confusing rules and grueling competition stripped down our morale.

After saying our goodbyes--the ones that always leave us saddened no matter the JCL event--we started our epic quest across Massachusetts to the eastern edges of the MassJCL empire. The ride took another four hours, yet the adventure was worth the ride. Thankfully, no bears assailed us as we travelled out of the great Western Mass. wilderness.

Kickoff was excellent, and Convention is going to be legendary since its at BHS this year. Barnstable waits for you all with open arms and gladiator games!

-Derek Rockwell, Barnstable '18





Photo by Jesse Hogan

Middle and high school students from all over the state gathering at Boston University, dancing and acting out silly skits on stage, and learning about the effects of honey bees on ancient culture may not be the image that comes to mind when you think of classics students, yet this is the reality of Mass JCL Classics Day.

December 7th, 2017 marked the return of the annual event to George Sherman Union at Boston University. The theme for this year's Classics Day was "Theatre in the Classical World." Twenty-three schools from all over the state were in attendance.

The day was kicked off with the first General Assembly, where officers led the JCLers through the JCL song and creed, and made announcements. At this time, coin wars commenced, an annual activity that involves collecting coins as positive points and bills as negative points to donate to charity, competition style.

Then, the part many students look forward to the most during Classics Day--the workshops--began. Students were able to attend two classes, both less than an hour, taught by professors, former JCLers, and classicists.

There were a variety of options to choose, ranging from "If Romans Could Talk, Holding Back the Seas of Tomorrow"

to "Lovers at the Gate: Paraclauthyron in Roman and Chinese Literature." All the workshops related to the day's theme of theatre. I attended "The Thrill of the Race: Chariot Racing in Ancient Rome" by Professor James Uden and "Bees of Rome: Builders of Civilization" by Mr. Daniel Sherman. Both workshops were compelling, interactive, and comedic.

After the workshop, the students gathered back together to have lunch. At our tables, we shared our experiences in workshops and had a chance to talk to our JCL friends from other schools.

During the second General Assembly, my favorite part of the day took place--the skit contest. Each school had to prepare a short and creative skit relating to the theme. Points awarded to the best skits go towards state convention.

This year, in my opinion, marked the best skits at Classics Day so far. The skits ranged from comedy sketches about ancient myths, to "jeopardy" games, to dramatic performances of High School Musical.

Following the skits, we shared our final moments together at BU in the closing ceremony. We were sad to leave, of course, but the great thing about Classics Day is that it rolls around again each and every year.

-Emma Cohen, AMSA '19

# Certamen —

# Report: —

This year has been a relatively successful one for MassJCL Certamen. We came out of last year's Nationals in Troy, Alabama with novice and advanced players capturing 2nd place, and intermediate players cleaning up convention with a 1st place win. The 2017-2018 year is shaping up to be one of our best years in MassJCL Certamen history.

MassJCL surely made their presence known at the first certamen event this year at Yale, where both the intermediate and advanced teams of BLS knocked out their competition to receive first place medals. Once more, during BLS and BLA Certamen tournaments in February, teams from Massachusetts obliterated their opposition, scoring a range of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place titles. In both of these contests, MassJCLers from across the state demonstrated their elite buzzing abilities. If you are new to Certamen, these competitions always serve as a great introduction of the game and all its intricacies.

Aside from these previous tournaments, MA will be facing off on the national stage once more in both Harvard Certamen and Princeton Certamen. Hopefully, Massachusetts teams will continue their glorious momentum into Ohio this summer at the 2018 National Convention.

-Nick Weiske, BLS '19

*Constant, Continuous Victory*



# An AP-less ERA:

## Redefining Classical Education

Photo by Amy Turner



Dr. Carlon Visits Mount Greylock

Last year, Mount Greylock teacher Amy Turner partnered with the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) to run an AP-alternative college-level Latin course. UMass Boston Classics Professor Dr. Jacqueline Carlon began working on the concept for the class about ten years after the College Board stopped offering two AP Latin courses. Previously, a student could take an exam on Vergil's *Aeneid* or one on Catullus alongside their choice of Cicero, Horace, or Ovid. Many who take AP Latin know that it is the only advanced placement course that requires teachers to have a fixed syllabus--meanwhile other AP languages focus on reading rather than translating specified texts. Dr. Carlon, on the other hand, believes that teachers "are most effective when they get to teach what they love," so she created this UMass alternative to bring the diversity of Latin authorship back into the Classics curriculum.

The program, which started three

### *Mementote semper:*

*"Lingua Latina NON mortua est. Apud omnes qui scriptis Latinis gaudent plus quam duo saecula vixit! Quaeso, tollite, legite, fruimini! Omnes ad Universitatem Massachusettensem Bostoniae, ubi Latine loquimur litterasque diligimus, invito."*

years ago, currently includes seven schools across Massachusetts, however Carlon hopes to expand her program to more school districts, such as the Boston Public School district. The program, which Dr. Carlon says has grown organically through teachers, is even expanding into New Hampshire.

Dr. Carlon herself loves the program for two reasons. Firstly, Dr. Carlon admires the teachers in the program for their dedication and love for teaching. Secondly, she loves to visit each of the schools in the program, as the students in each school inspire her with their "love of learning and sense of fun." If anyone would like to participate in this dual enrollment program, Dr. Carlon encourages them to approach their school administration and inquire. If you would like more information on Dr. Carlon's program, feel free to email her at Jacqueline.Carlon@umb.edu.

-Jacob Hane, Mount Greylock '18

# Horoscopes

**Aries**



Mar 21 - Apr 19

Consider deeply the points of anxiety in your life; give yourself a rest from happiness-blocking guilt.

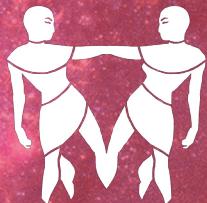
Apr 20 - May 20

This will be a joyous week for you. Get ready to melt the snow around you with your positivity!



**Taurus**

**Gemini**



May 21 - Jun 20

This week is all about receiving deserved rewards for hard work. Don't let anyone or anything prevent you from this.

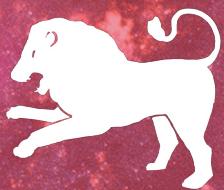
Jun 21 - Jul 22

Allow yourself to confront fears this week and remind yourself to look at the big picture.



**Cancer**

**Leo**



Jul 23 - Aug 22

It's time to let loose all your internal energy and show everyone around you just who you are and what you're worth.

Aug 23 - Sep 22

Think about self care this week and remind yourself how far you've come.



**Virgo**

## Libra



Sep 23 - Oct 22

Sometimes cutting things out of your life can actually be good for you--consider what or who should go.

Oct 23 - Nov 21

This week, focus on the things you love and center yourself around your goals for the future.



## Scorpio

## Sagittarius



Nov 22 - Dec 21

This week may test you, but never forget all your experiences that have culminated to form who you are.

Dec 22 - Jan 19

Although you love control, it's time to let loose; feel some spontaneity. Allow yourself to go with the flow.



## Capricorn

## Aquarius



Jan 20 - Feb 18

Give yourself some space this week. Me time can be beneficial: try turning off your phone for an hour and just being alone.

Feb 19 - Mar 20

As the full moon rolls around to renew your energy, reaffirm relationships--but remember what you need.



## Pisces

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# Activity

## Sudoku - Can you solve it?

II		IX	III	V	IV	I	VI	
								IV
VI		IV		I			II	III
		VI	IX					V
I	VII	V				II	IX	
III					VII	IV		VIII
	III				II	V		
		VIII			V	VI	III	IX
	VI				IX	VII	VIII	

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## High Scholae Musical

*Included below is a section from Barnstable JCL's winning Classics Day skit, High Scholae Musical: Stick To The Status Quo!*

*Gabriella: Hey Martha, is this the lunch room?*

*Martha: I mean yeah, but I'm going to be honest, sometimes it feels like a Roman Theatre!*

*Taylor: This isn't High School Musical.... for copyright reasons.... [MARTHA gets on the table, or center stage, whatever is easiest] Ugh! Sharpe Diem I guess!*

*ALL: WHAT?!*

*Martha: [SUNG] Look at me and what do you see?*

*Taylor + Gabriella: [SUNG] An emperor beyond compare!*

*Martha: [SUNG] But inside I am stirring something strange is occurring it's a secret I need to share!*

*All: [SUNG] Everybody gather 'round.*

*Martha: Latin is my passion. I love to de cline, subjugate, and talk about pompeii!*

*Taylor: Is this legal?...*

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Creative Service

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JCL Cranes

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Pumpkin Painting at Kickoff



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Performances at Classics Day

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The Kickoff Assembly

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BU Classics Chair Stephen Scully

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